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PREFACE.

URSUANT to a Statute of the nineteenth year of King Henry the Seventh[1] [A.D. 1503–4] it was enacted, "that no Masters, Wardens, and Fellowships of Crafts or Mysteries, nor any of them, nor any Rulers of Guilds or Fraternities," should from thenceforth "take upon them to make any Acts or Ordinances, nor to execute any Acts or Ordinances by them heretofore made, in disheritance or diminution of the Prerogative of the King, nor of other, nor against the common profit of the people, but if the same Acts or Ordinances be examined and approved by the Chancellor, Treasurer of England, and Chief Justices of either Bench, or three of them; or before both the Justices of Assizes in their circuit or progress in that Shire where such Acts or Ordinances be made, upon pain of forfeiture of forty Pounds for every time that they do the contrary."

In accordance with this Act the Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of Freemen of the Art or Mystery of Clothworkers of the City of London, exhibited their "Books," containing such Articles, Acts, and Ordinances "ordained and devised for the better rule, order, and government of the said Company," and of such others who used the Art or Mystery of Clothworkers within the City of London, as by the laws of the realm the said Company was "privileged and authorized." These "Books" were thereupon "perused, examined, and fully considered," and "for good and laudable Ordinances, Constitutions, and Oaths," accepted, allowed, and admitted,

[1] Chapter vii.—*De privatis et illicitis statutis non faciendis.*

by the Judges to whom they were submitted for approval; and, as such, they now remain on record among the archives of the Company.

The Clothworkers have at present in their possession three such sets of their Ordinances, respectively dated—17th January, 23 Henry VIII., A.D. 1531–2; 2nd July, 29 Elizabeth, A.D. 1587; and 18th April, 15 Charles I., A.D. 1639. These are given in their entirety in this volume, printed precisely in the same form, as to spelling and abbreviations, as they appear on the original skins of vellum.

In addition to their own Ordinances, the Muniment-chest of the Company contains two other important documents of a similar nature to those above described, connected with the two ancient Fraternities, through the union of which, the Guild of the Clothworkers was originally formed, and received its Charter of Incorporation. The documents are, the Deed of Incorporation of the Fullers, dated 18th October, 20 Edward IV., A.D. 1480, and the Ordinances of the Fraternity of Shearmen, dated 18th February, 23 Henry VII., A.D. 1507–8; they are also included in these pages in their chronological order.

In the Appendix will be found some earlier Appointments or Ordinances of the Brotherhood of Shearmen, which were discovered some few years back among the records of the Probate Court, now deposited in Somerset House. They are dated 27th February, 1452–3, and are the earliest complete set of Ordinances of this Craft hitherto brought to light, though it is evident from the City Records, as referred to in the "*Liber Albus*," that much earlier ones of the Fullers as well as of the Shearmen must have existed, though they are not now forthcoming, except as detached Ordinances.

The documents which are given in Appendix B, are taken from Riley's edition of the "*Liber Custumarum*," and serve to connect the different crafts engaged in the early manufacture of cloth in this country, at a time when their distinctive features had not as yet assumed a definite and recognized character.

CLOTHWORKERS' HALL,
30*th April*, 1881.

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ꝑsonis ea eis dare legare concedere vel assignare volente seu volentib3 Habend̄ et tenend̄ eisdem Gardianis ⁊ Cōitati et successorib3 suis impp̄m Haberentq; successionem ꝑpetuam ac cōe sigillum ꝑ negociis dc̄e mistere sive artis ac Fraternitatis sive Gilde p̄dc̄e deservituṙ impp̄m **Et** q̄d iidem Gardiani ⁊ Cōmunitas ꝑ nomen Gardianoꝝ ⁊ Cōmunitatis lib̄oꝝ hōim mistere sive artis Fullonū Civitatis Londoñ placitare possent ⁊ implacitari respondere ⁊ responderi in quibuscumq; Curiis et locis coram quibuscumq; Justiciariis sive Judicib3 in quibuscumq; acc̄oib3 sectis plitis querelis ⁊ demandis cujuscumq; condic̄ois seu nature forent **Et** q̄d dc̄a Cōitas scilicet liberoꝝ hōim mistere sive artis predicte quandocumq; vellent singulis annis eligere et facere possent de seip̄is tres Gardianos ad supportand̄ negocia eaꝝdem mistere sive artis et Cōitatis ac Fraternitatis sive Gilde p̄dic̄ et ad supvidend̄ regend̄ et gubernand̄ misteram sive artem ⁊ Cōitatem p̄dic̄ et omnes hōies ac occupantes servitores stuffuras ⁊ opac̄oes eaꝝdem mistere sive artis ⁊ Cōitatis in Civitate et suburbiis p̄dic̄ impp̄m et defc̄us eoꝝdem debite corrigend̄ et corrigi faciend̄ **Et** q̄d p̄fati Gardiani ⁊ Cōitas mistere sive artis p̄dic̄ ⁊ successores sui ordinac̄oes ⁊ constituciones racionabiles ꝑ bono regimine ⁊ gubernac̄oe ejusdem mistere sive artis ac Fraternitatis sive Gilde p̄dic̄ tociens quociens sibi placeret ⁊ necesse foret facere ⁊ ordinare ac eas ad libitum suum mutare valerent ꝑ advisamentum Majoris ⁊ Aldermannoꝝ dc̄e Civitatis ꝑ tempore existeñ absq; impetic̄oe vel gravamine prefati Dñi Regis vel heredum suoꝝ Justiciarioꝝ Majoꝝ Vicecomitum Escaetoꝝ Ballivoꝝ Constabularioꝝ seu alioꝝ Officiarioꝝ seu Ministroꝝ suoꝝ vel dc̄oꝝ heredum suoꝝ aut alioꝝ quorumcumq; Statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis aut aliquo alio statuto actu sive ordinacione incontrarium fac̄ edito sive ordinato Aut aliqua alia re causa vel materia quacumq; non obstante prout in litteris predictis plenius continetur **Quarum quidem litterarum** vigore ⁊ auctoritate nos p̄fati Joñes Henricus et Thomas ad laudem gloriam et honorem Dei ac gloriosissime Virginis Marie matris ejus prelibate ad fundac̄oem et stabilimentum Fraternitatis sive Gilde predic̄ juxta vim formam et effectum dc̄aꝝ ꝥraꝝ prefati Domini Regis predictaꝝ ꝑcedimus in hunc modum **In primis** In nomine summe et individue Sancte Trinitatis Patris et Filii unigeniti Jhu Xp̄i ac Sp̄us Sancti quandam Fraternitatem sive Gildam ꝑpetuam de tribus Gardianis et Communitate liberoꝝ hominū mistere sive artis Fullonum dicte Civitatis Londoñ et suburb̄ ejusdem nunc commorancium et exnunc cōmoratuṙ Fratribus et Sororibus de liberis hominibus ejusdem mistere sive artis ac aliis qui ex eorum devocione de eadem Fraternitate sive Gilda esse volu̅int infra Civitatem predictam fecimus fundavimus et stabilivimus ac per presentes facimus fundamus et stabilimus perpetuis futuris temporibus duratuṙ **Et** q̄d iidem Gardiani et Communitas sint de cetero unum corpus et una Communitas corporata

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Three Seals of red wax attached.

II.

Ordinances

OF THE

MYSTERY OR CRAFT OF SHEARMEN

OF THE CITY OF LONDON.

18th February, 23 *Henry VII.*, *A.D.* 1507–8.

To alle true Cristen People to whome this pſsent writing shall come William Archebusshop of Cauntrebury and Chaunceller to our moste drad Souveraigne Lord Kyng Henry the vij^th^ King of Englad and of Fraunce and Lord of Irland of this his Royalme of Englad Thomas Erle of Surrey and Threasurer of Englad John Fyneux Knight Chief Justice of our said Souveraigne Lordes Benche and Robt Reede Knight Chieff Justice of the Comon Benche sende greting in our Lorde everlasting **Wher in a certeyn** Acte in the Parliament of oure said Souveraigne Lord holden at Westm the xxv daye of Januarie the xix^th^ yere of his moste noble reigne made and ordeyned for the weele and proufficte of his subgiettes It was emongs othre things made ordeyned establisshed and ennacted That noo Maister Wardeyns or Fellauship of Craftes or Misteries or any of theym or any Rulers of Gyldes or Fraternitees shulde take uppon theym to make any actes or ordinaunces ne to execute or use any actes or ordinaunces by theym heretofore made in disinheriting or diminicion of the Kings prerogatif or any othre or ayenst the comon wele and prouffict of the Kings subgiettes and liege people but if the same actes and ordinaunces be examyned appointed and admitted by the Chaunceller and Threasurer of Englad and the Chief Justices of either Benche or three of theym Or els before both Justices of Assise in thair circuite or progresse in that shire wher suche actes and ordinaunces be made uppon payne of forfaicture of xl *li* for every tyme they doo therunto contrarie as in the said acte it doth more playnly appere **The** Mayster Wardeyns and Fellauship of the misterie or crafte of

Shermeñ of the citie of Londoñ Willing and desireng the saide Acte in every behalve to be obsved and kepte the xxv day of Januarye the xxiij^th yere of oure said Souveraigne Lordes reigne have exhibit and presented thair peticioñ theruppon made with a booke conteyneng dyvers statutes actes othes and ordinaunces heretofore divised ordeyned and made for the consvacioñ of the good astate of the Crafte and Misterie of Shermeñ aforesaide and for the bettre rules and ordinaunces of the same Fellauship establisshed ordeyned and used And theruppoñ instantly have desired us that we all and every the said statutes ordinaunces and othes by the same Maister and Wardeyns and thaire predecessours to the forsaid entent made ordeyned and establisshed wolde ovsee and examyñ and the same and every of theym correcte refo^rme and amende aftre the maner and due fo^rme convenient and as the forsaide Acte in the said Parliament made requireth We well perceyveng the said supplicacioñ to be good and acceptable according to thair peticioñs and desires by auctoritie of the said Acte of Parliament to us comitted all and every thair othes and ordinaunces in the said booke specified have perfectely seene red and well and ripely undrestand and theym all and every of theym examyned corrected and refourmed The tenours wherof herafter ensue and be thies:—

In primis be it ordeyned that evry parsonne of the said Crafte of Shermeñ alwayes from hensforth be bounde to mayntene and susteygne the light of xiij tapers of wexe to brenne before the ymage of our Lady Sainct Marie the Virgyñ in the Monastery of Christchurch of Londoñ ther of olde tyme ordeyned and yet contynued for the brodrehod of thAssumpcioñ of oure Lady of the said Crafte of Shermeñ And that alwayes from hensforth aftre thair olde custume they shall have of theym selves three Wardeyns that is to say añ Uppre Wardeyne whiche shalbe called and named the Maister Wardeyne and ij othre Wardeyns and alsoo to chose emonges theym selves xij personnes Assistentes whiche shalbe of the moste wise and discrete personnes of the said Fellauship and Crafte to be choseñ to the same Wardeyns to rule and gouverne with theym whiche Wardeyns and alsoo Assistentes shalbe choseñ from yere to yere as is wont and accustumed emonges the same Fellauship to rule aftre thair wisdomes in due ordre as appteyneth.

Item be it ordeyned that every freemañ of the same Crafte yerely from hensforth every Sonday next folowing the day of the Assumpcioñ of Oure Lady shall assemble togiddres at thair Comon Hall by the houre of ix of the clokke afore none in the same day And then from thens all the personnes of the same clothing with the said Wardeyns honestly and sadly by twoo and twoo shall goo togiddres And ensueng aftre theym shall folowe all the housholders of the said Crafte honestly And sadly in likewise by cowples unto Christchurch aforesaid or to

suche añ othre place if the case soo require as by the same Wardeyns for the tyme being herafter shalbe assigned And ther shall have a solempne Masse of the Hooly Gooste by note and the same shall here to the ende And then and ther aftre the olde use and custume at the offering of the same Masse every psonne of the said Crafte shall offre one penny And aftre the same masse soo doone and ended the same Fellauship hooly togiddres in form aforsaid shall come from Cristchurche aforsaid with the said Wardeyns unto thair said Comon Hall and ther shall have thair laude and commendacioñ togiddres as loveng bredreñ owe to have And aftre that the said Wardeyns with suche as have beene Wardeyns afore that tyme shall goo up into thair parlour on high And ther aftre thair olde use and custume shall chose of theym selves the newe Wardeyns that shall rule for the yere theñ next folowing Provided alwayes that if they thinke convenient and semeng good to theym to make the said eleccioñ of Wardenrye afore they goo to Cristchurche aforesaide and have leisr therto that theñ it be liefull for theym soo to doo at thair owne libtie in man and forme folowing that is to say The saide old Upper Maister Wardeyne and the said ij olde Wardeyns or oone of the same with the saide Maister Wardeyne shall chose and name the said newe Upper Maister Wardeyñ & he to be suche a mañ as hathe beene twyes Wardeyne at the leste And then aftre that the next newe Wardeyne shalbe choseñ and takeñ of thos psonnes that be moste eldest and have beene Wardeyns before that tyme like as his torne growith Except it be thought for othre causes that he is not moste metely for that office Which soo thought and dempt it shalbe liefull to theym to take the eldest next hym that hathe borne office of a Wardeyne before tyme past And the thirde and yongest Wardeyne shalbe chosen of the clothing of the moste voices of all theym that have beene Wardens or the moste parte of theym And if the eleccioñ rest uppoñ twoo or iij psonnes that it cannot be knowen whiche of theym hath moste voices Theñ it shalbe liefull to the said olde Maister and Wardeyns to take oone of thos ij or iij as they shall thinke moste mete and best for the same office And that eleccions fynysshed they shall come downe ayeñ into thair Comon Hall and ther all the psonnes of the clothing that be disposed to take suche fare and recreacioñ as the said Wardeyns shall theñ and ther ordeyne shall pay towardes the chargies of the same every mañ xij *d* And the residue of the same chargies shalbe borne of the Comon Boxe of the said Crafte to the some of xl *s* At whiche recreacioñ sitting at the table the newe Upper Maister Wardeyne and the twoo othre Wardeyns newe choseñ shalbe manifeste and knoweñ with setting of garlondes oñ thair heddes aftre the olde custume and maner And at the hour of thre of the clokke on the same Sonday in the after noone all those psonnes of the clothing that have not beene disposed to be

at the said recreacion and all the other housholders of the same Crafte shalbe redy at the said Hall And ther the hoolle company togiddres assembled The olde Maister Wardeñ and the newe togidders by theym selves And the olde Wardeyns and newe by theym selves togiddres with the Company of the lyvey And all othre housholders of the said Crafte by twoo and twoo togiddres shall depte in forme aforsaid from thair said Hall unto Criste Churche aforsaid and ther shall have a solempne Dirige by note for all the soules of the bredreñ and susters of the Fraternitie of the Assumpcioñ of Our Lady of the said Crafte that beene passed out of this mortall lif and all Xpen soules And aftre the same Dirige in likewise as they went forthe soo shall come togiddres to thair said Hall and ther shall have a recreacioñ and drinking togidders aftre the olde custume and man And oñ the morowe next folowing that is to say Monday by the houre of ix of the clokke in the fornoone oñ the same day they shalle assemble at the said Hall and in forme abovesaide shall goo from thens unto Criste Church aforsaide And ther shall have a solempne Masse of Requiem by noote for all the saide soules And at the offering therof every psonne of the said Crafte shall offre oone peny And aftre the same Masse soo ended hoolly in forme aforsaide they shall come togiddres with the said Wardeyns to thair said Hall and theñ every of theym shall departe at his pleas And in case that any psonne of the said Crafte that hath beene Wardeyñ absent hym selve and come not to the said Masses Diriges and Elections And in all thinge doo according to the maner and forme above declared shall forfaicte at every tyme to the use of the said Fellauship and Crafte vj s viij d That is to say to thuses ordinarie charges and nedes of the saide Crafte and to the relief and comfort of the pou cominaltie of the same without he have a laufull excuse And in likewise if any psonne of the said lyvey that hath not beene Wardeyne aftre that he is laufully warned absent hym selve and come not to the said Masses Diriges and othre the pmisses therin doeng as a brodre ought to doo theñ he shall forfaict at every tyme to thuses aforsaide iij s iiij d without a laufull excuse be approved And in semblable wise if any othre of the housholders of the same Crafte be laufully warned and come not to the premisses doeng in all thinge in forme abovesaide as a brodre ought to doo without a laufull excuse approved shall forfaicte at every tyme to thuses aforsaide xx d.

Item be it ordeyned that from hensforth at every iij or iiij yeres ende as shalbe thought moste convenient to the wisdomes of the said Wardeyns and xij Assistentes for the tyme being and as the case shall require alwayes ayenst every Fest of th-Assumpcioñ of Our Lady newe clothing shalbe yeveñ to all the psonnes of the same Crafte that be in the lyverey That is to say newe clothing in colours of oone seute and hoding And that noo psonne of the saide Crafte were the same clothe or

hooding without he be admitted therunto by the saide Maister and Wardeyns And by the said xij Assistentes or the moste parte of theym ne make nor countrefaicte any gowne or hoode like to the same clothing Uppon payne of forfaicture of xl s to be levied to the uses aforsaid.

Item be it ordeyned that ayenst every suche Fest and tyme as the said newe lyvey shalbe yeven ther shalbe chosen two indifferent personnes of the clothing by the said Wardeyns and xij Assistentes to attende and goo with the said Maistre and Wardeyns to helpe to provide for the clothe that shall serve for the said lyverey unto the moste advauntage of all thos personnes that shall were therof And all thos that shalbe newe receyved into the lyvey shall take of the same clothe soo newe provided and pay for it at suche price as it shall stand the said Wardeyns in And ov that shall pay to the Comon Boxe of the said Crafte for thair admission into the said newe lyvey after the said olde custume and maner xiij s iiij d towardes the ordinarie charges and reliefes aforesaid And that all suche personnes as have beene in the lyvey afore that tyme not disposed to take of the saide clothe soo provided shall pay for his sample to the use of the Comon Boxe of the same Crafte if it [be] clothe engrayned iij s iiij d And if it be clothe out of grayne ij s to the same use And then to be at thair libtie to bye clothes wher they will soo it be in colour according to the ordinaunce Uppon payne of forfaicture of xx s at every tyme to the uses aforsaid **And then** aftre the said newe clothing soo yeven at the said iij or iiij yeres ende every psonne in the said lyvey shalbe redy to assemble at thair said Comon Hall in the same newe lyveray on the said Sonday next aftre the Assumpcion of Our Lady afore none of the same day And alsoo all othre psonnes housholders of the said Crafte out of the clothing shall in likewise be redy and assemble at the said day at the place and houre afore lymytted And then all the psonnes of the said newe clothing shall goo togiddres by twoo and twoo And after theym the othre housholders in likewise by twoo and twoo shall folowe unto Cristchurch aforsaid and ther shall kepe thair Masses and Diriges and doo thair offerings And all othre thinges shall doo and kepe in man and forme above expressed And on the Monday next folowing aftre the said day of Assumpcion of Our Lady shalbe kept the generall dyn for all the said Crafte at thair said Hall At whiche generall dyn shalbe all the psonnes of the clothing and all the housholders of the said Crafte And at the same dyn evy psonne being therat and his wif with hym shall pay for hym self ij s viij d And for his wif xij d And for his giest if he any bring xvj d aftre the old use and custume towardes the ordinarie costes and charges of the said dyner And if any psonne of the said Fellauship being of the clothing and hath beene Wardeyne And absent hym selve and come not to the said generall dyner aftre he is laufully warned And in all

thinges doo according as is above expressed shall forfaict and pay to the uses of the said charges nedes and relevies vj s viij d And every psonne being of the clothing and nev Wardeyn soo absenting hym selve and not doing in forme aforsaid shall forfaict to the said uses iij s iiij d And every housholder out of the clothing ij s viij d to the same uses Except the same psonnes and evy of them soo being absent have a reasonable excuse.

Item be it ordeyned that if any psonne or psonnes of the said Crafte by the said Maister Wardeyns and Assistentes for the tyme being heraftre be inhabled to have and take the saide clothing for the honor and worship of the said Citie and the honesty of the Felauship And of his obstinacie and frowardnesse refuse it and woll not take it uppon hym That then he or they soo refusing and woll not be conformable but contynue still in his or thair selve-will and obstinacie shall forfaicte and pay as often as he soo refuseth c s to the use of the nedes charges and relieffe aforsaid.

Item be it ordeyned that every psonne of the said lyvey after that he hathe had twyes clothing shall kepe alwayes ij lyveys togiddres that is to say his best lyvey and his secunde both gowne and hoode Soo that he alwaies shall have twoo clothinge togiddres for the worship of the Citie and the honnesty of the same Crafte uppon payne of forfaicture of a fyne of xl s to the uses aforsaid.

Item be it ordeyned that from hensforth alwayes before every viij day of Septembr next folowing aftre the eleccion of every of the said newe Wardeyns Aswell the olde Maister and Wardeyns as the newe Maister and Wardeyns with the xij Assistente to theym elected and chosen uppon a laufull warneng shall assemble togiddres at thair said Comon Hall and ther the newe Maister and Wardeyns in the presence of the said olde Wardeyns and of the said xij Assistente shall take thair othe and charge of Wardeynrie uppon theym aftre the olde use and custume and sworne to supporte and execute almanne nedes and matiers concneng the said Crafte during thair yere And if any of the said newe Wardeyns soo elected and chosen aftre the said warneng come not at the said day unto the said Hall and take his charge uppon hym like as he is called unto And after that execute not his office after the olde custume and manne according to the roome as he is chosen shall forfaicte at every tyme in the name of a payne c s And every of the said xij Assistente not being psent at the said charge taking like as he is warned shall forfaict as often as he soo offendith vj s viij d to the uses aforsaid without laufull excuses be approved and had.

Item be it ordeyned that the Maister and Wardeyns of the said Crafte for the tyme being shall kepe iiij quarterdayes in the yere at thair said Comon Hall during thair office for reformacion of the defaultes of the said Crafte and to here the com-

playntes in the same wherof the first quarterday shalbe w^th^in xiiij daies aftre every Fest of Mighelmasse The secund quartreday shalbe within xiiij daies after every Fest of Cristemasse The thirde shalbe within xiiij daies aftre every Fest of Ester And the iiij^th^ within xiiij daies aftre every Fest of the Nativitie of Sainct John Baptiste And if any of the said iij Wardeyns absent hym selve and come not to the said iiij sevall quartredaies according to the forme abovesaid shall forfaicte at every tyme in the name of a payne vj s viij d to be levied to the uses aforsaide without a reasonable excuse approved And if any of the said xij Assistentes aftre he is laufully warned to come to the said quatredayes make default and come not therunto for thententes aforsaid shall forfaicte as often to the uses aforsaid iij s iiij d of hym to be levied without he have a reasonable excuse shewed and proved.

Item be it ordeyned that ayenst every quartreday every housholder Freeman of the said Crafte that is laufully warned by the officer of the said Crafte shall come to every suche quartreday and ther shall truely lay downe and pay his quartreage that is to say v d every quartre towardes the charges nedes and reliefes aforsaid And he that makith default and cometh not to every of the said quartredayes if he be laufully warned or els laufull monicion yeven at home at his house to come to the saide quatredaies to pay his quarterage according to the olde custume and man shall forfaict and pay at every tyme to the uses aforsaid xx d **Provided** alwayes that the saide Wardeyns for the tyme being at suche a convenient quartreday as shall seme to theym of the same quatredayes moste convenient and expedient shall cause as many of the articles here in this booke expressed and writen as they shall thinke to be necessarie to be redde and publisshed to the psonnes of the saide Crafte assembled at the said quatreday to thentent they shall not pretende any excuse of ignorance or noon knowlege of the same articles nor the contentes therof.

Item be it ordeyned that every olde Maister and Wardeyns of the said Crafte yerely from hensforth within the firste quatreday of the quartres aforsaide That is to wete within xiiij daies after every Fest of Mighelmasse shall bring in thair accomptes writen in the booke therfore ordeyned conteyneng as well alman thair receiptes by theym receyved to thuses aforsaid as alsoo almaner thair paiementes by theym leyde out to the saide uses And the same accomptes shall delyver to the newe Maister and Wardeyns for the tyme being in the presences of the xij Assistentes or the more parte of theym And aftre the same accomptes soo brought in and clerely undrestand the saide olde Maister and Wardeyns shall pay and leye downe ymmediatly the money of the foote of every suche accompt aftre the olde custume and maner to the said newe Maister and Wardeyns in forme abovesaide chosen in the presence aforsaid Uppon payne of xl s to be levied of the said olde Maister and Wardeyns to thuses

aforsaide And besides that the saide olde Maister and Wardeyns shalbe chargeable and pay the money hoolly of the saide foote of accompte.

Item be it ordeyned that if any psonne or psonnes being of the clothing of the saide Crafte of his owne mocion or frowardnesse by the procureng of any othre psonne or psonnes at any tyme heraftre goo out of the saide Fellauship to an othre Crafte or occupacion shall forfaict and pay xx *li* to the use of the nedes and charge of the saide Crafte.

Item be it ordeyned that if any psonne or psonnes housholdres of the said Crafte whiche have beene of good name and fame and truly to his power hath borne and paide his quarterage dueties and charges to the saide Crafte falle into povtie he shalbe refresshed wekely towardes his and thair nedy sustentacion and liveng of the Comon Boxe and Almes of the said Crafte by the discrecion of the Maister Wardeyns and Assistente therof for the tyme being And if the same psonne or psonnes dye in povtie then he and they shalbe honnestly buried at the coste and charges of the saide Crafte and have Dirige and Masses saide for theym and doone as shalbe thought to the Wardeyns convenient and according to be doone for the same.

Item be it ordeyned that when any psonne of the said Crafte being in the lyvey is passed out of this transitory lif Then the said Maister and Wardeyns for the tyme being with suche of the clothing as they shall call to theym shall goo in thair lyvey togiddres aftre the olde custume to the buriell of the saide psonne soo being decessed in the same lyvey And on the morowe aftre shall come to the Masse of Requiem And therat shall offre aftre the olde custume and man And that suche foure psonnes as the said Maister and Wardeyns shall appoinct and assigne shall bere the body of the said ded corps to the Church wher he shalbe buried Soo that he died not of the plaage of pestilence And he or they that bee soo assigned and refuse the bering to the Church of the saide corps shall forfaicte and pay at every tyme to the uses aforsaid iij *s* iiij *d* And ov that he or they of the lyvey that makith default and cometh not to the said buriell and Masse according as he or they shalbe laufully warned shall forfaict at every tyme to the uses aforsaid iij *s* iiij *d*.

Item be it ordeyned that noo psonne of the said Crafte from hensforth shall hire nor pcure or cause any othre to hire by corrupcion of giefte or othrewise any man of psonne of the saide Crafte out of his soyle house or lees that he hath or dwellith in or to high the rent therof for malice by crafte or covyn uppon payne to forfaict for a fyne c *s* to the uses of the charges nedes and relieffe abovespecified.

Item be it ordeyned that noo psonne housholder of the saide Crafte from hensforth shall take any moo apprentices than he may well kepe and set on werke during thair termes nor that any suche housholder at any tyme herafter shall put out to werke or lende any his apprentices to any othre man of the same Crafte in taking away the liveng of such psonnes Free Jo'neymen as have beene apprentices and served thair termes in the said Crafte Uppon payne of forfaicture of vj s viij d at every tyme for a fyne to thuses aforsaid.

Item be it ordeyned that in like wise noon of the said housholdres from hensforth lende out any thair apprentices for to bere any burdon or to cary any wares or chandises from place to place or to bere any bowke to and from Thamyse or to fetche water for odre men Inasmoche as ther be Porters and waterberars and othre poor people laborers grete nombre in the said Citie of London that with suche businesses wolde gladly deserve somwhat toward thair poor lyvenge Uppon payne to every housholder doeng contrarie herunto to forfaicte at every tyme to thuses abovesaid vj s viij d.

Item be it ordeyned that noo psonne of the said Crafte being an housholder from hensforth set any foreyn or straunger on werk in the said Citie as long as he may have a Free Journeyman that hath beene apprentice in the same Citie at the same Crafte to doo hym service Uppon payne of forfaicture of a payne of xl s at every tyme any man doth herunto contrarie to be to the use of the same Crafte as is above specified.

Also be it ordeyned that alman of sveng men of the saide Crafte and every of theym from hensforth shalbe of good rule and demoynure ayenst the saide Maistre Wardeyns and Fellauship and every of theym And from hensforth shall not make any unlaufull assemblies brodrehods congregacions or flokking togiddres within the saide Citie or fraunchise of the same or in any othre place without the same in eschewing of suche inconveniences riotte and troubles as before tyme have come of suche thinge Uppon payne to every psonne offending this ordinaunce to forfaict at every tyme to the uses above expressed xiij s iiij d.

Item be it ordeyned that every sveng man of the said Crafte that sveth therin by the moneth the quarter half-yere or yere and being at his maisters table and lodgieng shall yeve due attendaunce uppon the same his maister with whom he wirkyth Soo that the same maister let not the same svant from hering of divine service And the same svant shall not absent hym selve out of his maisters service nothre holyday nor werkeday without his maisters licence And the same maister shall kepe the same svaunt in reasonable awe and drede during the tyme of his soo being in service And not suffre hym as ferre as he may lette that his said svaunt use

any riotte or misrule nor mayntene hym therin Uppoñ payne of forfaicture of c s to be levied of the goodes of the saide maister to the use and charges above expressed.

Item be it ordeyned that every psonne being a sveng mañ in the said Crafte that werkith by the day and goith to his owne fynding be not bounde to attendaunce but to come in the morneng of the same holiday And aftre the olde maner and custume to hang out his maisters wete clothes And at the eveneng of the same day shall come and helpe to take theym in and to ley theym to the shereborde ayenst the morneng of the day foloweng And alsoo according to the same olde maner and custume every suche sveng mañ oñ every werkeng day shall come to his werke at iiij of the clok in the morneng And to leyve his werke at viij of the clok in the evenyng And if he kepe not his houres after the said custume and maner Theñ it shalbe liefull to his maister to chekke hym of his wages aftre the rate as he lakkith of his daies svice that is say every houre a ferthing as of olde tyme and alsoo of late dayes it hath beene accustumed.

Item be it ordeyned that if any discorde striff or debate any time fortune to fall for any cause or matier whatsoev it be betwixt any housholder of the said Craft and his svaunt lowes journeymañ or apprentice whiche w'out prjudice of the Kings lawes may be peased and refourmed by good and wise moynes Theñ the said pties before they move or attempt any thing one of theym ayenst añ othre in that behalve shall first shewe the matier and the cause therof with all the circumstances of the same to the Maister Wardeyns and Assistentes of the said Crafte for the tyme being to the entent that they by thair good discrecions may set a good ende and ordre in the same as may accorde with good reasoñ in eschewing of trouble Soo the same ordre be reasonable and laufull And eithre of the saide pties then to be bounde to obey and fulfill the same ordre and directioñ Uppoñ payne to the pties or partie disobedient to forfaicte at every tyme to the uses aforsaide xx s And if the saide parties or any of theym be soo unreasonable that they will not be refourmed by the said Maistre and Wardeyns and Assistents according to good reasoñ and conscience Theñ eithre of the saide parties shall take thair advauntage as they shall thinke good according to the ordre of the Kings lawes.

Item be it ordeyned that noo psonne of the saide Crafte from hensforth take any apprentice unto the same Crafte without he be free-borne and clene of lymmes and body And not disfigured And as moche as cañ be knowen comen of a good stok and kynred Uppoñ payne of forfaicture of xx s at every tyme to be levied uppoñ every psonne offending this ordinaunce to be to thuses abovesaid.

Item be it ordeyned that the Maister of every suche apprentice aftre the olde

man and custume at the first quartreday aftre his bynding shall psente the same apprentice before the Wardeyns of the said Crafte for the tyme being And at the same psentement shall pay and ley downe to thuse of the same Crafte for the entree of the saide apprentice into the booke of accompt for a memorial xx d aftre the olde maner and custume And he that offendith this ordinaunce shall forfaicte at every tyme to the use of the saide Fellauship to be imployed as is abovesaid x s.

Item wher every Freeman infraunchised within the said Citie is depely sworne that he shall take noon apprentice for lesse terme then for vij yeres And that he shall not psent the same apprentice to be made Freeman without he have dueely served the terme of vij yeres fully complete Yet it hath beene seene and knowen that dyvers apprentices have renne away and depted thair maisters service within thair times And have beene absent all or the more parte of thair terme of apprenticehod And then aftre that have repayred to thair said maisters ayen whiche maisters by covyn colour and corrupcion have aftrewardes presented suche apprentices before the Chambreleyn of the saide Citie ther testifieng thair services by theym duely to be doone Thrugh whiche pjured moynes and subtile demoynure the same apprentices have atteyned the fraunchise and libertie of the saide citie.

Therfore in eschewing of such wilfull pjurie be it ordeyned that noo psonne of the same Crafte of Shermen from hensforth psume or take uppon hym to psent any of his apprntices before the Chambreleyn of London to be made Freemen in the saide Crafte aftre his termes be expired but if he first psent hym before the Maister Wardeyns and xij Assistente of the saide Crafte or the more part of theym at thair Comon Hall ther to be examyned of his service and contynuance in the same And if he have duely served and contynued as apprentice then he to be sworne to be obedient to the good rules and laufull ordinaunces of the same Fellauship after the olde custume and maner And uppon that then and ther to ley downe and pay for his admission to thuses aforsaide ij s And aftre that his said maister with the saide Maister & Wardeyns or twoo of theym at the leest shall present the saide apprentice afore the saide Chambreleyn or his deputie for the tyme being And theruppon shall cause the same apprentice to be admitted into the fraunchise and liberties of the saide Citie into the Crafte of Shermen And els not Uppon payne to every maister of every apprentice doeng contrarie to this ordinaunce to forfaicte at every tyme he makith defalt or disobeyeth the same c s to be levied to the uses above expssed.

Item be it ordeyned that every psonne of the saide Crafte shalbe obedient to alman of laufull sumons and warnenge to theym yeven by the Bedell or othrewise on the behalve of the said Maister and Wardeyns And shalbe alwayes redy to

cõme to theym in suche laufull man as he shalbe assigned to doo at the houre and place to hym conveniently appoynctedd for suche causes and matiers concerneng the same Crafte wherof he shall have more playne knowlege at his cõmeng And if he make default at his houre appoinctedd then shall he forfaicte as often and for every defalt of keping his houre iiij *d* And if he cõme not to the place of assemblee whiles the saide Maister Wardeyns and thair company be thair togiddres shall forfaicte and pay for every tyme for a fyne viij *d* for his soo being absent which shalbe levied and applyed to the uses aforsaid Except he have a reasonable excusee approved and allowed by the Maister and Wardeyns for the tyme being.

Item be it ordeyned that noo psonne of the said Crafte shall colour any foreyne goodes nor theym receyve or take into his house or into any othre place by covyn or colour to sell the same as his owne ppre goodes to any straungiers uppon payne of forfaicture of x *li* at every tyme to the uses charges nedes and reliefe aforsaide.

Item be it ordeyned that if any psonne infraunchised in the saide Crafte hereafter be soo misadvised maliciously to dispise or rebuke any man of psonne of the same occupacion and spially suche as have beene Maister or Wardeyns or suche as be of the clothing in open audience or elleswher shall forfaicte and pay at every tyme to the said use xx *s*.

Item be it ordeyned that the saide Wardeyns and thair successours for the tyme being at all times herafter according to suche grauntes as be made to theym by the Kinge grace or his noble progenitours have auctoritie and power alwaies at laufull seasons to serche alman psonnes of the saide Misterie and Crafte of Shermen useng the brod-sheres aswell uppon wollen clothe as uppon fustians within the Citie of London and the libties and pcincte of the same being of the fraunchise thereof To oversee that they doo thair werke laufully suerly and werkemanly for the cõmon wele and prouffict And that they use noo man of sleighte ne undue werke in the same ayenst the cõmon proufficte And if any man of faultes or sleighte be doone and founde in the saide serche othre in wollen clothes or fustians contrarie to the saide cõmon proufficte Then all the same clothes and fustians by the same Maister and Wardeyns may be taken carried and borne away into thair Cõmon Hall ther thrughly to be serched by the saide Wardeyns and xij Assistente or the more pte of theym And whatsoever falte or sleighte they fynde therin the doars thereof to be punysshed and to make fyne aftre the qualitie or quantitie of thair offenses as shalbe considered by the said Maister or Wardeyns To thentent that good and laufull werkemanship may be contynued and used for the cõmon proufficte in tyme cõmeng And if any of the saide psone or psonnes make resistence and woll not obey the saide

serche ne suffre all the othre thinge therin to be doone in fo'me abovesaide shall forfaicte at every tyme a fyne of xx s to be levied to the uses abovesaid.

Item be it ordeyned that if the Maister and Wardeyns for the tyme being or any of theym be founde pciall remisse or necligent and not indifferent in executing the saide actes and ordinaunces comprised within this booke or els doo favour any psonne or psonnes offending the same Soo that for mede favour or drede the same Wardeyns woll not execute the saide ordinaunces and every of theym indifferently unto every psonne of the same Fellauship after thair offenses Then every Wardeyne that shalbe soo founde defectyve and faultie not useng indifferencie uppon a due pf therof had before the Co-wardeyns and the said Assistente shall forfaicte at every tyme to the use of the same Fellauship xl s or more or lesse as shalbe considered and ordered by the same Co-wardens and the xij Assistente or the more parte of theym.

Item be it ordeyned that noo psonne or psonnes infraunchised in the saide Crafte bieng selling or retailleng any fustians within the saide Citie or the libties of the same in noo wise from hensforth calandre or cause to be calandred any fustians in any man of wise before the same fustian or fustians be truely and werkemanly wrought and shorne with the brod-shere for the comon weele of the Kinge liege people nor put any suche fustians into suche places to be calandred wher as the said Wardeyns of the said occupacion for the tyme being cannot nor may have serch uppon the same Uppon payne of forfaicture at evy tyme of the some of vj s viij d for a fyne to be levied to thuses abovesaide And in likewise that noo calandre occupier and keper of calandre in any man of wise doo calandre any suche fustians before they be truely and werkemanly shorne and wrought with the brod-shere for the saide comon wele Uppon payne to every psonne and psonnes doing contrarie to forfaict at every tyme for every pece of fustian that he or they soo calandre ayenst this ordinaunce xx s to thuses aforsaide.

Item be it ordeyned that if any psonne of the saide Fellauship of his frowarde disposicion or othrewise doo refuse or deny to pay any quarterage penaltie forfaicture arrerage or othre amciament laufully and reasonably set and assessed uppon hym by moynes of and for thoffending or disobeyeng any ordinaunce herin expssed and woll in noo wise pay the same That then it be liefull to the said Maister and Wardeyns for the tyme being at every laufull tyme to entre into the hous or shop of evry psonne or psonnes soo refuseng to pay as is abovesaid And ther to take a distresse or distresses convenient and the same distresse or distresses soo laufully taken to lede dryve cary away and kepe to thuse of the same Fellauship Assigneng the saide ptie a day reasonable to content and pay the said penalties forfaictures arrerage or amciamente that is to say xij daies next aftre the taking of the saide distresses And

if the saide ptie at the said day assigned wolt not content and pay the saide forfaictures and othre pmisses Then the said Maistre and Wardeyns have auctoritie aftre the law and custume of the saide Citie of London to preise and make sale of the said distresse or distresses to the full contentacion of the said forfaictures penalties arrerage and othre pmisses and every pcell therof And if any splusage or rest of money of the said distresses preised doo remaigne The same splusage and rest of money soo remaigneng to be restaured to the use of the ptie of whom the same distresse was taken And that to be doone ymediatly by the Mr and Wardeyns for the tyme being **Provided** alwaies that the said Wardeyns and Assistentes after thair wisdomes and discrecions may mitigat diminisshe and lesse the saide forfaictures paynes and fynes as the case shall require according to thair consciences.

The othe of every psonne admitted unto the fredome of the Fellauship of Shermen within the Citie of London.

Ye shalbe faithfull and true to our Souvaigne Lorde the King of Englande and of Fraunce and to his heires Kinge of the same Ye shall not doo nor consent to be doone any felonyes or tresons ayenst the peax but that suche of theym as ye shall knowe Ye shall duely doo it to be knowen and shewed to the Mair of London for the tyme being or to suche other as have his pcwer Also ye shalbe laufully obedient unto the Maister and Wardeyns of the Fellauship of Shermen within the Citie of London for the tyme being in all thinge conceneng the same Crafte and Brodrehod And come truely and duely to yor somons when ye be warned but if ye be reasonablie or laufully letted Or els to pay suche penalties and fynes as ye shall forfaict by reason of the same And ye to be contributorie to all man of charge doone by the in and about the wele and contynuance of the said Crafte to your power Also well and truely aft yor power ye shall obey kepe and observe alman laufull Actes and Ordinaunces nowe made and herafter to be made for the comon weele of the psonnes of the saide Crafte Soo helpe you God and his Sayntes.

The othe of the Maister and Wardeyns and thair successours Wardeyns.

Ye shalbe true to our Souvaigne Lord the King and to his heires Kinges of England Ye and every of you effectuelly and diligently dureng the tyme and season ye shalbe in thoffice of Wardeyne of the saide Fellaushiq Ye shall asmoche as in you is see and kepe the saide Copany in good ordre and rule And ministre yor office truely justly and indifferently to evry psonne and also betwixt ptie and ptie according to good reason and conscience And also duely serche the saide Company and Fellauship that use the brod-shere in the saide Crafte that they use and doo thair busi-

nesses and occupacioñ duely and truely to the comon wele of the Kingꝭ subgiettꝭ and worshiꝑ of the saide Crafte And ovꝯ that ye shall truely execute all the Actꝭ and Ordinaunces laufully ordeyned and made for the contynuaunce wele and good gouvꝯnaunce of the saide occupacioñ and almanꝯ dueties forfaictures fynes and paynes cōprised in the same Ordinaunces diligently asmoche as in you is ye shall gadre and leyvie or doo to be gadred and levied according to the saide Actꝭ and Ordinauncꝭ And all othre thingꝭ in the same conteyned ye shall execute and to yor power doo to be executed aftꝯ the tenor and effect of the same during the tyme ye shalbe in thoffice of Wardeyñ Soo helpe you God and his Sayncteꝭ

All whiche Actes Ordinaunces and Othes in manꝯ and forme abovespecified at the request of the said Maister and Wardeyns and Fellaushiꝑ by auctoritie of the same Acte of Parliament We the saide Chaunceller Thresaurer and Chief Justicꝭ of eithre Benche aforsaid for good laudable and laufull Ordinaunces Statutes and Othes doo accepte admitte and by thies pꝯsentꝭ asmoche as in us is ratifie laude and approve.

Provided alwaies and forseene that thies Ordinaunces within this booke expꝯssed or any of theym in noo wise extende or be pꝯjudiciall or hurtfull to the Kyngꝭ pꝯrogatif nother to the hurt of any graunt or graunteꝭ by the Kyng or his noble ꝑgenitours before tyme made to the Citie of Londoñ or any othre or any laudable custume nowe used in the same Citie And in case any article or articles in this booke expꝯssed be pꝯjudiciall or hurtfull to the Kingꝭ pꝯrogatif or to any graunt by the King or his noble ꝑgenitours made to the same Citie of Londoñ or any other or to any othre laudable custumes as is above expꝯssed Theñ the same article or articles and evꝯy of theym soo being pꝯjudiciall or hurtfull as is abovesaide to be voide cassate and of nooñ effecte Any thing by us the saide Chaunceller Thresaurer and two Chief Justicꝭ in this behalve doone or made to the contrarie notwithstandinge.

In witnesse wherof to this booke We have set our signe manuels the xviij^th^ day of the moneth of Februarye the xxiij^th^ yere of the reigne of our said Souvaigne Lorde King Henry the vij^th^.

WILLELMUS CANTUARIENS' Anglie Cancellari^o^.

T. SURREY Theserarius Anglie.

JOHANNES FYNEUX' Miles Capital Just Dñi Regꝭ ad Plita coram ipo Dño Reg tenēd assignī.

ROBERTUS REDE Capitlis Justic Dñi Regꝭ de Cōi Banco.

III.

Ordinances

OF

THE MYSTERY OF CLOTHWORKERS

OF THE CITY OF LONDON.

[UNION OF THE FULLERS AND SHEARMEN.]

17th January, 23 *Henry VIII.*, *A.D.* 1531–2.

To alle true Christen people to whome this present Wrytyng shall come see here or rede The Right Honorable Sir Thomas Moore Knight Chaunceller to oure moste drede Sovaigne Lorde Kyng Henry the viij^th^ Kyng of Englonde and of Fraunce Defensour of the Feith and Lorde of Irelonde of this his Roialme of Englonde Thomas Duke of Norffolke High Treasourer of Englonde John Fitz-James Knyght Chief Justice of oure saide Sovaigne Lorde the Kyng at Plees before oure said Sovaigne Lorde to be holden And Robt Norwiche Knyght Chief Justice of oure saide Sovaigne Lorde of his Comen Benche Sendeñ gretyng in oure Lorde evlastyng **Where** the Right noble Prynce of famouse memorye Kyng Henry the vij^th^ most dere father to oure nowe moste gracious Sovaigne Lorde by his lres patent dated at Westm the xxiiij^th^ daie of Januarye the xxiij^th^ yere of his noble Reigne of his especiall grace and mere mocyon for the especiall devocion which he bare and had to oure Blessid Lady the Virgyn dide graunte and gyve licence unto his welbiloved liegemen of the Misterie of Shermen within his Citie of London That they and their successours in the foresaide Citie a Guylde or Fraternyte in the honour of the same Virgyn of the men of the Misterie aforesaide myght begynne unyte founde create erecte and stablishe And the Guylde or Fraternyte so begonne unyted founded created erected and stablisshed myght have and holde and the same to enjoye and exercise to theym and to their successours forevmore to endure And that they and their successours myght chose have and

make a Maister and two Wardens of theym̃ selfe frome yere to yere as ofte as it shuld̃ please theym̃ yf nede shulde be And that the saide Fraternite shulde be corporate and be called̃ the Fraternyte of thAssumpcioñ of oure Blessid̃ Lady the Virgyñ of Shermeñ of the Citie of Londoñ And the same Maister and Wardeyns and their successours and the Fraternyte aforesaide did corporate forevmore to endure And theym dide make one body and theym for one body dide declare accepte approve and helde As by the saide lr̃es patente more playnly it doth appere And where the right noble Prince Kyng̃ Edwarde the iiij^th^ grauntfather to oure nowe moste g^a^ciouse Sovaigne Lorde by his lr̃es patente whereof the date is at Westm̃ the xxviij^th^ daie of Aprill the xx^th^ yere of his Reigne of his speciall grace sure knoulege and mere mocioñ g^a^unted̃ and gave licence for hym and his heires to his welbiloved̃ lieges John Brytte Henry Lee and Thomas Wymond̃ that they or any of theym to the laude glorye and hono^r^ of God and of the moste gloriouse Virgyñ Marye his mother myght make founde and establishe a certeyñ Fraternyte or Guylde ꝑpetuall of three Wardens and Commynaltie of Fremeñ of the Misterie or Crafte of Fullers of his Citie of Londoñ and the Suburbes of the same theñ there dwellyñg and from thens to dwell and to the Bretherne and Susters of the Fremeñ of the same Misterie or Crafte and to other which of their devocioñ wolde be of the same Fraternyte or Guylde And that the same Wardens and Commynaltie shuld̃ be from thensforth one body and one Cõialtye corporate in dede and in name of three Wardens and Cõialtie As in the same lr̃es patente more playnly is conteigned̃ And where also oure nowe moste g^a^ciouse Sovaigne Lorde of his sure knoulege and mere mocioñ and of and with thadvysement of his Counsaill And also at the humble ꝑsonall and speciall supplicacioñ request and assent of his welbiloved̃ and feithfull liegemeñ free citizens of the said̃ Citie aswell of the saide Misterie of Shermeñ as of the saide Misterie or Crafte of Fullers of the same Citie by his lr̃es patente whereof the date is at Westm̃ the xviij^th^ daie of January the xix^th^ yere of his moste g^a^ciouse Reigne g^a^unted̃ willed̃ and gave licence for hym and for his heires to the same his liegemeñ his citizens of the said̃ Misteries of Shermeñ and Fullers and to the Maister and Wardens of the said̃ Fraternyte of thAssumpcioñ of oure Blessid̃ Lady the Virgyñ of Shermeñ in the Citie of Londoñ And to the Wardens and Cõialtie of the Fremeñ of the Misterie or Crafte of Fullers of the Citie of Londoñ aforesaide That from thensforth his saide liegemeñ and citizens of the said̃ Misteries of Shermeñ and Fullers And the said̃ Maisters of the saide two Crafte and Misteries And the Wardens of the saide Fraternyte of thAssumpcioñ of oure Blesside Lady the Virgyñ of Shermeñ And the Wardens and Cõialtie of the Fremeñ of the Misterie or Crafte of Fullers And also the saide two Fraternytes togither shuld̃ be unyted conjoyned̃

created erected and stablisshed And by the same lres patente dide unyte and conjoyne the same two Crafte or Misteries of Shermen and Fullers And the Maister and Wardens of the said Fratnyte of thAssumpcion of oure Blesside Lady the Virgyn of Shermen And also the Wardens and Cõialtie of the Fremen of the said Misterie or Crafte of Fullers and all the men of the same Crafte or Misterie and the saide two Fratnytes into one hole Crafte or Misterie And that from thensforth they shuld be in dede and in name one body one Crafte one Misterie one Fratnite and one Cõialtie ppetuall in and by the name of Clothworkers only forev And theym hath incorporated one body And that from hensforth so they shuld be named called and accepted in the same Citie or elle where and not otherwise as in the saide lres patente also more playnly apperith **And where** in a Steyn Acte in the Parliament of oure saide late Sovaigne Lorde Kyng Henry the vij^th holden at Westm the xxv^th daie of January the xix^th yere of his moste noble Reigne made and ordeynede for the welth and pfitt of his subjecte It was emonge other thynge made ordeyned establisshed and enacted that noo Maister Wardens or Feloushippe of Crafte or Misteries or any of theym or any Rulers of Guyldes or Fratnites shuld take upon theym to make any Actes or Ordeynnces ne to execute or use any Actes or Ordeynnce by theym heretofore made in disherityng or dymynuing the King his progatyve or any other or ayenst the comen weale and pfitt of the Kyng his subjecte and liege people but if the same Actes and Ordeynnce be examyned appoynted and admytted by the Chaunceller and Treasourer of Englond and the Chief Justice of either Benche or three of theym or elle before bothe Justices of Assise in their circuyte or pgresse in that shire where suche Actes and Ordeynnce be made Upon payne of forfeiture of Fourty Pounde for evy tyme they doo therunto contrie As in the saide Acte dothe more playnly appere **And forasmoche** as the saide late Misterie of Shermen before the said Unyon had used and exercised divse and sondry good and holsome Statute and Ordeynnce for the good ordre rule and govnaunce of the said Misterie auctorised approved and consigned with thandes of the moste Reverende Father in God William Archebisshop of Cantbury then Chaunceller of Englond Thomas late Duke of Norffolke late Treasourer of Englond and father to the saide nowe Duke of Norffolke John Fyneux Knyght Chiefe Justice of oure saide Sovaigne Lorde the Kyng at Plees before his Highnes to be holden and Robt Rede Knyght Chief Justice of oure saide Sovaigne Lorde of his Comen Benche which nowe cannot be unto the saide Misterie of Clothworkers of any efficacy strenght or effecte And that the said Maister Wardens and Feloushipe of Clothworkers willing and desiring to have amonge theym good ordre rule and govnaunce and to have good and holsome Statute and Ordennce to be made and auctorised for the conservacion of the said good ordre and gov-

naunce And that the said Acte made in the said xix^th yere of oure late Sovaigne Lord Kyng Henry the vij^th shulde in nowise by theym or any of theym be offended but in evy thyng to be observed and kepte the xxvj^th daie of April the xxiij^th yere of the Reigne of oure saide Sovaigne Lorde Kyng Henry the viij^th have exhibite and presented unto us their peticion therupon made with a booke conteynyng divse Statute Actes Othes and Ordenances The tenor wherof hereafter ensueth and be these:—

In primis be it ordeyned that the Maister Wardens and Felouship of the said Misterie of Clothworkers and their Successours alweys from hensforthe shall maynteygne and susteyne the light of xiij taps of waxe to brenne before the ymage of Oure Lady Saynt Marye the Virgyn in the Monastry of Christe his Churche of London ther of olde tyme used and yete contynued for the Brothered of th-Assumpcion of Oure Lady of the said Crafte of Clothworkers or in suche other place or places as unto theym shall seame convenyent.

Item be it ordeigned that ev from hensforth on the Sonday next folowyng the daie of thAssumpcion of Oure Lady the Virgyn that then shall mete at their Comen Hall such as hath ben Maisters of the said Misterie of Clothworkers and of the said late Misteries of Shermen and Fullers and of either of theym And there they amongt theym selfe and non other to nomynate such a psone as shalbe Maister for the yere folowyng The same election to be made by nõiacion of twoo psones and so to pcede by scrutynye amongt theym selfe And if any psone so chosen to be Maister refuse to take upon hym the said Rowme and Office accordyng to the saide election that then the saide psone so electid shall forefeite to thuse of the saide Misterie of Clothworkers for and at evy tyme of such refusell vj *li* xiij *s* iiij *d*.

Item be it ordeigned that from hensforth all the psones beyng in the Clothyng with all the householders of the said Misterie of Clothworkers shall assemble at their Comen Hall on the Sonday next after the daie of thAssumpcion of Oure Lady before the houre of ix of the clok afore none the same daie And all the psones of the same Clothyng shall goo after the saide Maister and Wardens by two and two togithers and ensuyng after theym shall folowe all the householders of the same Misterie honestly and sadly in like wise by couples frome their Comen Hall unto Christe his Churche aforesaid or to suche one other place as by the same Maister and Wardens with their Assistent for the tyme beyng shalbe assigned and appoynted And ther shall have a solempne Masse by note of the Holy Goste and the same Masse shall here to thende And then and ther after tholde use and custome at the offeryng of the same Masse evy psone of the saide Mistye shall offre one peny And after the same Masse so done and ended the same Felouship holly togithers in forme aforesaide

shall goo from Christe his Churche aforesaide holly togithers with the said Maister and Wardens unto their saide Comen Hall ther to do and exercise suche their necessarie busynes as to theym shall seame mete and convenyent And then after the saide Maister and Wardens be so come home to the Hall That then after tholde use and custome the foure Wardens that is to wite three of theldist shall eche of theym delyv unto the Maister a bill wherin he shall put three divse hable psones names that hath ben oldest Wardens before as their Rowme fallith of the which three billes all those that have ben Maisters before that tyme shall put oute one of evy bill And then the Maister that is that yere Maister with tholdiste of all thother shall call evy Maister And all those that have ben Wardens one after other before beyng style in their clothyng and eche psone of theym that hath ben Maister and Wardeñ shall prikke one after another with which psones name that is in the said three bille that hym best liketh And he that hath moste prickes shalbe Wardeñ then for the yere folowyng And also the iiij^th Wardeñ which is yongest and Renter to the said Misterie of Clothworkers shall put in his bill foure divse men his names that nev ware Wardens before And he that hath moste prickes of the foure names in the said bill pricked by the said Maister and Wardens shalbe Yongest Wardeñ for that yere **Provided** alweys that the Yong Wardeñ shall name none in his bill but suche as shalbe hable to take the charge upon hym or elle it shalbe leafull to theym that hath ben Maisters to take suche as they shall thynke to be apte and convenyent for the honestie of the Misterie of Clothworkers And for the suertie of that he shalbe charged with all And who so ev be chosen to be thus Wardeñ and refuse it and woll not take it upon hym shall paie to thuse of the said Misterie of Clothworkers c s at evy tyme And if that he abide still obstynate and woll not take it upon hym that then he to paie the said c s and to be dismyssed of wearyng of his lyvey and not after to be admytted agayne therunto without a gretter fyne.

Item be it ordeigned at the same tyme to be named and chosen xvj psones of the moste wise and discrete psones of the same Misterie of Clothworkers to rule and govne with the said Maister and Wardens that yere And that all judgemente shall passe by the said Maister and Wardens and the xvj psones or the more pte of theym and none otherwise and this ordre to be kepte yerely forev.

Item be it ordeigned that evy iij or iiij yeres at the moste newe lyvey shalbe gevyn at which tyme evy man beyng afore in the Clothyng shall paie for his sample to the Maister and Wardens towarde their charges of the dynner yf it be clothe in grayne iij s iiij d And if it be clothe oute of grayne ij s And then to be at their libte to bye their clothe at their pleasure So that it be in coloure accordyng to the

ordeignnce Upon payne of forfeiture of xx s to thuse of the said Misterie of Clothworkers at every tyme.

Item be it ordeigned that every psone beyng in the Clothyng shall come and wayte upon the Maister and Wardens every yere on the Sonday next after thAssumpcion of Oure Blessid Lady the Virgyn frome their Hall unto Christe his Churche before rehersed or to suche other place as by the said Maister and Wardens or their successours shalbe appoynted And in like wise on the same Sonday at after none to come also and wayte upon the Maister and Wardens and go to Criste his Churche or to the saide other place so to be apoynted to the Dirige and on the next daie to the Masse of Requiem at the houre of ix of the cloke and ther to offre one peny And he or they that is of the Clothyng that faulte or faileth and doth not come undre this man and forme if he be not lett by occasion of sekenes or other cause adjudged reasonable by the Maister and Wardens for the tyme beyng shall forefeite and paie at every tyme that he so faulte or faileth iij s iiij d to thuse of the Crafte of the said Mistye of Clothworkers And every householder that cometh not to the Masse on bothe the daies that is to saie the firste daie to the Masse of the Holy Goste and on the next daie to the Masse of Requiem shall forfeite to thuse of the saide Misterie of Clothworkers at every tyme xx d.

Item be it ordeigned that if any psone or psones of the said Mistye of Clothworkers by the saide Maister Wardens and Assistente for the tyme beyng hereafter be inhabled to have and to take the saide Clothyng for the worshippe of the said Citie and the honestie of the saide Misterie and Felouship of Clothworkers And of his obstinacye and frowardnes refuseth and woll not take it upon hym that then he or they so refusyng and woll not be reformable but contynue still in his or their selfe will and obstynacie shall forfeite and paie as often as he so refuseth c s to thuse of the saide Misterie of Clothworkers towarde the nedye relieff of theym that falle into povtie and to other nedys of the Crafte.

Item be it ordeigned that every psone of the saide lyvey after that he hathe had twyes clothyng shall kepe alweys two lyveys togither that is to saie his best lyvey and his secound bothe gowne and hode So that he alweys shall have two Clothynge togithers for the worship of the Citie and the honestye of the said Misterie of Clothworkers Upon payne of forfeiture of xx s to the uses aforesaide.

Item be it ordeigned that the saide Maister and Wardens shall kepe foure quarter-daies in the yere at their saide Comen Hall duryng their office for reformacion of the defaulte of the said Crafte and to here the compleynte of the same whereof the firste quarter-daie shall be within xiiij daies after every Feaste of Michaelmas Christemas Easter and Midesomer And every householder to paie for

his quartiage evy quarter vj d And if the Maister or any Wardeñ absent hym selfe and come not to evy suche quarter-daies accordyng to the forme above saide That theñ he so beyng absent shall forefaite at evy tyme in the name of a payne vj s viij d to thuses abovesaide withoute a reasonable excuse pved And evy one of the Assistente beyng laufully warned to come to evy suche daie and make defaute shall forefaite as ofteñ as he so dothe iij s iiij d of hym to be levyed to thuse abovesaid withoute a reasonable excuse pved.

Item be it ordeigned that evy olde Maister and Wardens of the saide Misterie of Clothworkers yerely from hensforth shall before the Feaste of All Saynte next folowyng after thelectioñ of the Newe Wardens and specially those Wardens that hath had the handelyng or receyvyng of the money of the saide Misterie for the yere past shall bryng in their accompte and delyv it to the newe Maister and Wardens in the psence of the xvj psones or the more pte of theym Upoñ the payne to forefaite at evy tyme that they do not thus bryng in their accompte and the money due upoñ the said accompte to paie towarde thuses of the saide Misterye c s And for defaulte of bryngyng of their money evy weke after viij daies past after All Saynte to forefeit for evy weke xx s to thuses aforesaide withoute favor or pdone And if he be so frowarde and wilfull that he woll not bryng in his accompte and the said money then to be dismyssed of his lyvey forev and nev after to bere any office in the said Mistere of Clothworkers withoute a gretter fyne.

Item be it ordeigned that if any psone or psones of the said Misterie of Clothworkers of his owne mocioñ or frowardnes or by the pcuryng of any other psone or psones at any tyme hereafter go oute of the said Feloushippe to any other Misterie Feloushippe or occupacioñ withoute thassent and expsse consent of the saide Misterie of Clothworkers in writyng to be made shall forefaite and paie c li the one halfe thereof to be levied and paide to thuse of oure Sovaigne Lorde the Kyng And thother half to thuse of the said Misterie of Clothworkers.

Item be it ordeigned that if any psone or psones householders of the said Misterie which hath beñ of good name and fame and truely to his power hath borne and paide his quartages duete and charge to the saide Misterie falle into povtye he shalbe refresshed wekely towarde his and their nedy sustentacioñ and lyvyng of the Comen Boxe and Almes of the said Misterie by the discrecioñ of the Maister Wardens and Assistente of the said Misterie for the tyme beyng And if the said psone or psones dye in povtie then he or they shalbe honestly buried at the coste and charge of the said Misterie and have Diriges and Masses said and done for theym as shalbe thought by the Maister and Wardens convenyent and accordyng to be done for the same.

Item be it ordeigned that when any psone of the saide Misterie beyng in the lyvey shall happyn to passe oute of this transitorie liffe then the said Maister and Wardens for the tyme beyng with suche of the Clothyng as they shall call to theym shall go in their lyvey togithers after tholde custome to the burial of the said psone so beyng decessid in the same lyvey And on the morowe after shall come to the Masse of Requiem and therat shall offre after tholde custume and man And that suche iiij psones as the said Maister and Wardeyns shall appoynt and assigne shall bere the body of the said dede corps to the Churche where he shalbe buried So that he died not of the plage of pestilence And if he or they that so be assigned do refuse the beryng to the Churche of the said corps then he or they so refusyng shall forefaite and paie at evy tyme to thuses aforesaid iij s iiij d And ov that he or [the]y of the lyvyey that maketh defaulte and cometh not to the burial and Masse according as he or they shalbe laufully warned shall forefaite at evy tyme to thuses aforesaid iij s iiij d yf he have not a reasonable excuse.

Item be it ordeigned that no psone of the said Misterie from hensforth shall hyre pcure or cause any other to hire by corruption of gifte or otherwise any man of psones of the said Misterie oute of his soile house or lease that he hath or dwellith in or to highe the rent thereof for malice by crafte or covyn Upon payne to forefeit for a fyne c s to thuses of the charges nedys & relieffe above specified.

Item be it ordeigned that no psone of the said Mistrie beyng a Jorney man nor non apprntice late come oute of his times shall not presume to sett up house but if that he be firste habled to be worthe of his owne ppre goode x li sterling by the Maister Wardens and the xvj Assistente or the more pte of theym Upon payne to forefaite and paie towarde the nede and reliefe of the Misterie aforesaid c s And to paie at his admyssion in to the said Misterie x s And evy Rower that roweth at the perche to paie for his admyssion and for a key for the steare wher they wasshe their clothes and for the maynteynyng bothe the tymbre and defendyng the charge of the water xx s sterling.

Item be it ordeigned that no Maister beyng a householder presume to gyve any apprntice any man of wage after thexpiryng of the date of his Indenture nor yete non other householder till the said apprntice by his Maister that he was apprntice with all be firste presentid at the Comen Halle before the Maister Wardens and Cteyne of thAssistente and ther they shall see the said apprntice sheare and worke And if that he be founde hable to be admytted then to worke by Jorneys and to take his grote a daie according to tholde custome and man of the Crafte he shalbe if he be founde not hable to worke by Jorneys then the Maister Wardens and Assistente shall assigne hym to worke with some other man by yere or elle assigne hym what that he shall

take by the weke till he canne pfitely his Misterie And what Maister that doth not psent his appntice undre this man or any other householder wolt psume to sett hym a worke contrie to this Ordenance shall forefeite at evy tyme for a fyne xx s.

Item be it ordeigned that from hensforth noo householder of the said Misterie of Clothworkers shall take any moo appntices outher to sheare with the brode sheare or to rowe at the perche but only three at ones And also that no householder shall put oute to worke or lende any of his appntice to any other man of the said Crafte in takyng awaie the lyvyng of suche psones as be free Joorney men and hath ben appntice and sved their times in the said Crafte Upon payne of forefeiture vj s viij d at evy tyme for a fyne to thuses aforesaid.

Item be it ordeigned that in likewise non of the saide householders from hensforth lende oute any of their appntice for to bere any burden or to carye any wares or mchandises frome place to place or to bere any bowke to and frome Theamys or to fetche water for other men in asmoche as ther be porters and water-berers and other pore people labourers great nombre in the said Citie of London that with such besynes wolde gladely deserve sumwhat towardc their pore lyvyngc Upon payne to evy householder doyng contrie here unto to forefeite at evry tyme to thuses above said vj s viij d.

Item be it ordeigned that noo psone of the saide Misterie beyng an householder from hensforth sett to worke any foreyn or straunger in the said Citie as long as he may have a free Joorney man that hath ben appntice in the same Citie at the same Misterie to do hym svice Upon payne of forefeiture of xl s at evy tyme any man doth hereunto contrie the same forfeiture to be to thuse of the same Misterie as is above specified.

Item be it ordeigned that from hensforth noo man of mchantc straungers or alyens made or to be made denyzens as mchantc of Venyce Janueys Florentynes and Italions shall psume to sett a worke within their placc warehouses or any other secrete placc any man of foreyns or strangers borne oute of Kyng his realme in takyng awey the lyvyng of the pore fremen of this Citie outher to folde take muster or cancell any man of wollen clothes brode or narrowes carsais cottons dosens or any other man of wollen clothe made within this realme but that the Maister and Wardens of the said Misterie of Clothworkers after knoulege to theym geven with the Chamberlayne of London for the tyme beyng or his depute in his absence may and shall have full power and auctorite to entre in to evy suche mchantc place house or warehouse And all suche clothes carseys cottons and dosens of what condicion so ev it be made within this realme to take and bere awaye to their Comen Hall and there to be thoroughly sen and ther to paie for a

fyne to the Chambre of Londoñ for evy pece so founde xx s whereof the thirde pte shall remayne to thuse of the said Misterie of Clothworkers and evy such psone so being founde or pved before the Chambleyñ that wrought thus as is before reherside within any of their place at evy tyme to paie for a fyne for his so doyng xl s withoute favor or pdoñ the one halfe of that to be to thuse of the Chambre of Londoñ and thother halfe to be to thuse of the said Mistere And they and evy of theym at evy tyme that they shall happeñ so to be foundeñ defectife to have such ponyshement therefore as shalbe thought by the Maire of Londoñ and his Bretherne thAldermeñ for the tyme beyng.

Item be it ordeigned that almans of svyng meñ of the said Mistere and evy of theym from hensforth shalbe of good rule & demeanure ayenst the said Maist Wardens & Felouship & evy of theym And from hensforth shall not make any unlaufull assembles brotherhodes congregacions or flokkynge togither or use any unlaufull gāmes as Cloisshe Kayles or any other such like gāmes And if he or they be thereof warned by the Bedill or any other psone in the Maist & Wardens names to leve it outher withiñ the Citie or the fraunches of the same or in any other secrete place withoute the same in eschewyng of suche inconvenynce ryotte or troubles as before tyme hath cōme of such thinge and will not desiste & leve the same shall forefaite at evy tyme so offendyng to thuses above expssed xiij s iiij d And yf that he will not paie his fyne that theñ no psone of the said Mistye sett hym oñ worke beyng warned by the Bedill of the said Misterie Upoñ payne of xx s at evy tyme that any doth the contrie to this Ordenance.

Item be it ordeigned that forasmoche as divse psones of other Feloushippes occupieng shearyng bothe of wolleñ clothe & fustiannes and be no Bretherne of the said Misterie of Clothworkers nor bownde to noñ of their Acte nor Ordeynance Therefore be it enacted that noo Joneymañ of the said Mistye of Clothworkers shall not worke with noñ other mañ of any other Felouship as long as he may be sett a worke with a fremañ & brother of the said Misterie of Clothworkers Upoñ the payne to forefeite at evy tyme iij s iiij d And that noo Maist of the said Mistye of Clothworkers sett hym a worke Upoñ the payne afore in the other Acte comprised till the Joneymañ hath paid his fyne And if he psume to go to worke with any other psone of any other Felouship that theñ he to paie for a fyne to the Chambre of Londoñ xx s to thuse of the said Chambre And the Maist that so woll kepe hym contrie to this Ordeynance to forfaite xx s The one halfe of these two forefaitures shall remayne & be to the Chamber of Londoñ and thother to the Mistye of Clothworkers above saide.

Item be it ordeygned that evy svyng mañ of the saide Mistye that sveth in the saide Felouship by the moneth the quart halfe-yere or yere and beyng at his

maistrs table & lodgyng shall gyve due attendance upon the same his maistr with whome he worketh So that the same maistr let not the same servnt frome herying of dyvyne service And the same servnt shall not absent hym self oute of his maistrs service nother holy daie nor workyng daie withoute his maistrs licence And the same maistr shall kepe the same servnt in reasonable awe & drede during the tyme of his so long being in service And not suffre hym as farre as he may lett that his said servnt use any ryot or mysrule or maynteyn hym theryn Upon payne of forefeiture of xx s to be levyed of the goode of the said maistr to thuses & charge above expressed.

Item be it ordeigned that evry psone beyng a svyng man in the said Mistrye that worketh by the daie and gothe to his owne fyndyng be not bounde to none attendaunce but to come in the mornyng on the same holy daie and after tholde man & custome to hang oute his master wete clothes and at the evenyng of the same holy daie shall come & helpe to take theym in and to laye theym to the shear-borde ayenste the mornyng of the daie folowyng And also according to the said olde man & custome evry suche svyng man on evry workyng daie shall come to his worke both wynter & somer at iiij of the clocke in the mornyng And to leve his worke in the somer at vij of the clocke at nyght withoute any slepyng houre and then to go to souper And in wynter to leve worke at viij of the clocke at nyght & then to go to souper And if he kepe not his houres aftr the said custome & man then it shalbe lefull to the Maistr & Wardens for the tyme being upon compleynt to theym made to checke hym of his wage aftr the rate as he lacketh of his daies svyce that is to saie evry houre a fardyng as of olde tyme and also of late daies it hath ben accustomed or otherwise by their discrecions as to theym shall seme moste convenyent.

Item be it ordeigned that if any discorde striffe or debate at any tyme fortune to fall for any cause or matier whatsoev it be betwixte any householder of the said Mistrye & his servnt allowes Joneyman or apprntice which withoute prjudice of the Kinge lawes may be peasid & reformed by good & wise meanys And that the said pties before they move or attempte any thyng one of theym ayenste thother in that behalfe shall firste shewe the matier & the cause thereof with all the circumstance of the same to the Maistr Wardens & Assistente of the said Mistrye for the tyme beyng to thentent that they by their good discrecions may sett a good ende & ordre in the same as may accorde with good reason in eschewyng of trouble So the same ordre be reasonable & laufull and either of the pties then to be bounde to obey & fulfill the same ordre & direction Upon payne to the pties or ptie disobedient to forfaite at evry tyme to thuse aforesaid xx s And if the said pties or any of theym be so unreasonable that they woll not be reformed by the said Maistr Wardens & Assistente according to the good reason & conscience then either of the said pties

shall take their advntage as they shall thynke good with askyng licence of the Maist & Wardens according to thordre of the Kings lawes.

Item be it ordeigned that no Jorneyman or covent svnt shall not rebuke his maist in none opyn audience nor otherwise with no man of nikname or otherwise Upon the payne of vj s viij d at evy tyme that he doth the contrie nor shall not depte frome his maist that kepith hym the hole weke and paithe hym his wages truely withoute a reasonable warnyng Upon like payne.

Item be it ordeigned that no Jorneyman shall take none apprentice nor non other psone of the said Mistye aft his daie except he be admytted an householder by the Maist Wardens and Assistents Upon payn of forfaiture of xl s for evy such apprentice.

Item be it ordeigned that no psone of the said Mistye from hensforth take any apprentice unto the same Mistye but that he shall firste psente the same apprentice before the Maister and Wardens to thentent that they may knowe whether the same apprentice be free borne and comen of a good stocke & kynred and also that he be clene of lymes and body and not disfigured And then there to laye downe for evy such apprentice for his psentyng ij s And the Bedills of the said Mistye to make the Indentures for the same apprentice And they to have vj d for the paire of Indentures of every apprentice And what psone doth contrie to this Ordeignaunce shall paie for a fyne xx s at evy tyme to be to thuses abovesaid.

Item be it ordeigned that no psone of the saide Mistye from hensforth psume or take upon hym to psent any of his apprentices before the Chambleyn of London to be made Freman of the said Mistye after his times be expired but if he firste psent hym before the Maist Wardens & xvj Assistents of the said Mistye or the more pte of theym at their Comen Halle ther to be examyned of his vice and contynuance in the same And if he have duely sved and contynued as apprentice then he to be sworne to be obedient to the good rules and laufull ordeignences of the same Felouship after tholde custome and man And upon that then and there to laie downe & paie for his admission to thuse aforesaid ij s And after that his said maist with the said Maister & Wardens or two of theym at leste shall psent the said apprentice afore the said Chambleyn or his deputie for the tyme beyng And therupon shall cause the same apprentice to be admytted in to the fraunchese and libtie of the said Citie in to the said Mistye of Clothworkers and ells not nor otherwise to be psentid Upon payn to evy maist of evy suche apprentice doyng the contrie to this Ordeynnce to forefaite evy tyme that he maketh defaulte or disobeythe the same c s to be levyed to thuses above expssed.

Item be it ordeigned that evy psone of the same Mystye shalbe obedient to alman of laufull sumons & warnyngs to theym gevyn by the Bedills or otherwise

oñ the behalf of the said Maist & Wardens and shalbe alweys redy to cōme to theym in suche laufull man as he shalbe assigned to do at the houre and place to hym cōvenyently appoynted for suche causes & matiers conynyng the same Mistye whereof he shall have more playne knoulege at his cōmyng And if he make defaulte at his houre appoynted & place then he shall forfaite as ofteñ & for evy defaulte for not kepyng his houre iiij *d* And if he cōme not to the place of assemble whiles the said Maist Wardens & their Company be there togithers shall forfaite and paie for evy tyme for a fyne viij *d* for his so being absent which shalbe levied & applied to thuses aforesaid except he have a reasonable excuse.

Item be it ordeygned that no psone of the said Mistye shall colour any foreyns good nor theym receyve or take in to his house or in to any other place by covyñ or color to sell the same as his owne ppre good to any straungs upoñ payne of forfeiture to thuse of the said Mistye x *li* at evy tyme nor also that no psone of the same Mistye shall not ryde nor goo in to the countrey with any mchunt straunger to lerne theym to bye there any man of wolleñ clothes or carseys by which meanys great hurte myght growe Upoñ lyke payne before rehersid of x *li* And the ptie that so rydeth with any mchunt straunger to be further pūnysshed as by the said Maist and Wardens of Clothworkers shalbe thought expedient.

Item be it ordeigned also that no man of psone of the same Mistye shall not psume to go in to Blakwell Hall to by any man of clothes outher for Englishe mchunt or strunger excepte he by theym for hym self And if it be pved to the contrie he to forfaite for evy clothe so by hym bought c *s* for a fyne to thuses aforesaid Nor that any psone of the same Mistye outher by hym self or by his apntice shall go to Blakwell Hall to bere any man of clothe outher to his workemaists house or to any other strungers house in takyng the lyvyng aweye of such Porters as beñ therto appoynted Upoñ the payne of forfaiture at evy tyme so doyng vj *s* viij *d* to be paid by the maist of evy such svnt that so taketh upoñ hym to do contrie to this Ordeignnce to thuses of the said Mistye.

Item be it ordeigned that if any psone of the said Mistye outher in the Clothing or oute of the Clothing be so mysadvysed that he rebuke the Maist or any Wardeñ outher in opyñ audience or otherwise that theñ he so doyng shall forfaite for a fyne xl *s* to thuses aforsaid.

Item be it ordeigned that noo psone of the Clothing nor oute of the Clothing nor householder shall rebuke eche other in opeñ audience or otherwise or saie to ech other any word of reproche or rebuke or any other nykename upoñ payñ to forfaite at evy tyme that he doth contrie to this Ordeignnce to thuses of the said Mistye xx *s* woute favor or pdoñ.

Item be it ordeigned that the said Maister Wardens & their successours for the

tyme beyng at all tymes hereafte according to suche grauntes as be made to theym by the Kings grace or his noble progenitors have auctorite & powre alweys at laufull seasons to serche almanes of psones usyng the said Crafte or Mystrye of Clothworkers aswell in shearyng with the brode shear upon wollen clothe & fustianes as rowyng wollen clothe at the perche within the Citie of London and the liberties & precyncte of the same being of the fraunches thereof to ovse that they do their worke laufully surely & workemanly for the comen welth & profitt And that they use no manes of sleightes ne undue workes in the same ayenst the comen profitt And if any manes of faultes or sleightes be done & founde in the said serche outher in wollen clothe or fustyanes contrarie to the said comen welth & profett Then all the said clothes & fustianes by the Maistes & Wardens may be taken caried & borne awey in to their Comen Hall there thoroughly to be serched by the said Maistes Wardens & xvj Assistentes or the more pte of theym And what soev faultes or sleightes they fynde therin the doers therof to be punyshed & to make fyne aftes their qualite or quantite of their offences as shalbe considered by the said Maistes Wardens & the xvj Assistentes to thentent that good & laufull workemanship may be contynued & used for the comen profitt in tyme comyng And if any of the said psone or psones make resistence & woll not obey the saide serche nor suffre all other thinges therin to be done in forme above saide shall forfaite at evy tyme so offendyng for a fyne xx s to be levied to thuses abovesaid.

Item be it ordeigned that from hensforth if any householder of the said Mistrye of Clothworkers fortune to decease & hath apprentice or apprentices & maketh his wiff or other crafte men his executors That then it shalbe leafull to the Maistes & Wardens of the said Mistrye to take all those apprentices and to bryng theym to their Comen Hall and ther by their discrecions with the xvj Assistentes or the more pte of theym to sett the said apprentices ov to other men of the said Mistrye to serve oute their yeres that they have to serve and to gyve to the wyff or elles to thexecutors of suche maistes as is dede such money for their yeres as they shall judge by their conscience withoute any further trouble or besynes **Provided** alweys that if the wif of the pson so decessid marye within a yere next aftes hir husband decease & then take another of the same Mistrye unto hir husbond that then she shall and may reteyne & kepe still the same apprentice to serve hir & hir husbond in the same occupacion nor to have any remedy in the lawe ayenste the said Maistes & Wardens of Clothworkers in any wise by the comen lawe peticion or otherwise to be made sued or done.

Item be it ordeigned from hensforth that almanes of men aswell of the said Mistrye of Clothworkers as of all other mysteries or crafte shall occupie true workmanship aswell in rowyng as shearyng of almanes of wollen clothes as fustianes for the comen welth of the Kings subjectes wearers of the same and for the honor of this

realme & the honestye of the said Mistſye of Clothworkers that no psone of what mistſye that he be of occupieng rowyng at the perche any man of wolleñ clothes carseys frisados or any other manſ of wolleñ clothe shall not rowe with noñ other stuffe but only with tasels and not with noñ yroñ cardſ nother olde nor newe cardſ in no wise Upoñ to forfait for a fyne for evy paire of cardſ x s half to the Chambre of Londoñ & thother half to thuse of the said Mistſye And that no workemañ that sheares with the brode sheare shall nother muster canself or solas any manſ of wolleñ clothes nor fustians but only to be truely & workemanly shorne with the brode sheare frome the one ende untill thother ende withoute any disceyt & mked with the mkers mke wheñ it is well shorne or ellſ to paie for evy hole pece of fustiane vj s viij d and evy half pece iij s iiij d And for evy pece of wolleñ clothe solasid or musterd like fyne.

Item be it ordeigned that no psone or psones enfr'unchesid in the same Mistſye bieng sellyng or retaillyng any fustians withiñ the said Citie or the libties of the same in nowise from hensforth dye or calendre or cause to be dyed or calendred outher in his owne house or any diers house any fustiañ in any manſ of wise before the same fustian or fustians be truely & workemanly wrought & shorne with the brode sheare frome the one ende untill thother ende and to be truely died & good colours for the cõen welth of the Kingſ liege people Upoñ the payne to paie for a fyne for evy hole pece of fustiañ not truely & workemanly shorne with the brode sheare as is before rehersid vj s viij d and for evy half pece of fustiañ iij s iiij d And the dier if the colours be not truely died to forefaite for evy pece & halfe like myche And also that no Calendrer pſsume to calender any fustians before they be truely shorne & not roughe in nowise but truely & clene shorne with the brode sheare Upoñ like payne of evy hole pece & half at evy tyme that he or they do the cont'rie And if any psone keping outher dyehouse or calendre house resiste & denye the Maistſ & Wardens at all tymes leafull to serche that theñ he so doyng shall forfaite at evy tyme xl s for a fyne and to paie besidſ this the fyne of evy pece as is before rehersid if it be duely pved be cause of their obstynacye.

Item be it ordeigned that all suche as occupieth rowyng at the perch or shere with the brode sheare of any other mistſye or crafte shall not from hensforth take noñ appſntice outher to rowe or shere with the brode shere but yf that appſntice be firste bounde to a Clothworker & to hym enrolled And theñ so immediately aftſ to be brought to the Chambre of Londoñ before the Chambleyñ or Undre Chambleyñ & ther by the Clothworker that the same appſntice is boundeñ unto to be sett ov to that other mañ of the other felouship of what felouship soev he be to ſve oute his yeres with all And at thende of his yeres the same appſntice to be made free of

the Crafte of Clothworkers to thentent that the Maistꝛ & Wardens of the Clothworkers may se that the same appꝛntice be pfitt & sure of his occupacioñ Upoñ the payne of a fyne for eꝟy appꝛntice boundeñ contrie to this Ordeynnce vj li xiij s iiij d whereof the one half to thuse of the Chambleyñ of Londoñ and thother half to thuse of the Crafte of Clothworkers to be takeñ of eꝟy such maistꝛ or of his goodꝛ where soeꝟ they may be founde that occupieth outher rowyng at the perche or doth shere with the brode sheare being no Clothworker withiñ the Citie of Londoñ or the libties of the same.

Item be it ordeigned that if the Maistꝛ & Wardens for the tyme being or any of them be founde pciall remyse or negligent & not indifferent in executyng the said Actꝛ & Ordeynncꝛ comprised in this booke or ellꝛ do favor any psone or psones offendyng the same So that for mede favor or drede the same Maistꝛ & Wardens woll not execute the said Ordeynncꝛ & eꝟy of theym indifferently unto eꝟy psone of the said Felouship aftꝛ their offencꝛ theñ the Maistꝛ & eꝟy Wardeñ that shalbe so founde defectif & faultye not usyng indifferently upoñ a due pve therof had before the Co-wardens and the xvj Assistentꝛ shall forfaite at eꝟy tyme to thuses of the same Felouship xl s or more or lesse as shalbe considered & ordered by the same Co-wardens & the xvj Assistentꝛ or the more pte of theym.

Item be it ordeigned that if any psone of the said Felouship of his frowarde disposicioñ or otherwise do refuse or denye to paie any quatꝛagꝛ penalitꝛ forfeitures arrerage or other amꝛciament laufully and reasonably sett and assesid upoñ hym by meanys of & for the offendyng or disobeyng any Ordeynnce hereiñ expꝛssed & woll not in noo wise paie the same That theñ it be lieffull to the said Maistꝛ & Wardens for the tyme being & their successours at eꝟy laufull tyme to entre in to the house or shoppe of eꝟy psone or psones so refusyng to paie as is abovesaid and there to take a distresse or distresses convenyent And the same distresse or distresses so laufully takeñ to lede dryve carie awey & kepe to thuse of the same Felouship assignyng the ptie a daie reasonable to content & paie the said penalites fynes forfeitures arrerage or amꝛciamentꝛ That is to saie xij daies aftꝛ the takyng of the said distresses And if the said ptie at the said daie assigned woll not content & paie the said forfeitures & other pꝛmisses Theñ the said Maistꝛ & Wardens have auctte aftꝛ the lawe & custome of the said Citie of Londoñ to pyse & make sale of the said distresse or distresses to the full contentacioñ of the said forfeiturꝛ penalitꝛ arrerage & other pꝛmisses & eꝟy pcell therof And if any surplusage or rest of money of the said distresses praised do remayñ the same surplusage & rest of money so remaynyng to be restored to thuse of the ptie of whome the same distresse was takeñ and that to be doñ imediately by the Maistꝛ & Wardens for the tyme being Provyded alweys that the said Maistꝛ Wardens & Assistentꝛ aftꝛ their wisdomes &

discrecions may mytygate dymynyshe & lesse the said forfeitures paynes & fynes as the case shall require accordyng to their conscience.

The Othe of every psoñ admytted unto the fredome of the Felouship of Clothworkers withiñ the Citie of Londoñ.

Ye shalbe feithfull & true to our Soveraigñ Lord the King of Englond & of Fraunce & to his heirs Kings of the same Ye shall not do nor consent to be done any felonyes or treasons but that such of theym as ye shall knowe ye shall duely do it to be knowne & shewid to the King or his Counseill And ye shalbe laufully obedient unto the Maistr & Wardens of the Felouship of Clothworkers withiñ the Citie of Londoñ for the tyme beyng in all things concernyng the same Crafte & Brothered and come truely & duely to your sūmons when ye be warned but if ye be reasonably or laufully lettid or ells to paie such penalitis & fynes as ye shall forfeite by reasoñ of the same And ye to be contributorie to almans of charges doñ by theym in & aboute the weale & contynuance of the said Crafte to your poure Also well & truely after your poure ye shall obey kepe & observe almans laufull Acts & Ordeynances nowe made and hereafter to be made for the cõen weale of the psons of the said Crafte or Brothered So helpe you God and his Saynts.

The Othe of the Maistr & Wardens & their successours Wardens.

Ye shalbe true to our Soveraigñ Lord the King & to his heires Kyngs of Englond ye & every of you effectually & diligently during the tyme & seasoñ ye shalbe in office of the Maistr & Wardens of the said Feloushipe ye shall in asmoche as in you is se & kepe the said Company of Clothe-Workers in good order & rule and mynystre your office truely justely & indifferently to every psone and also bitwixt ptie & ptie according to good reasoñ & conscience And also duely serche the said Company & Felouship that use the brode sheare & rowyng at the perch in the said Crafte that they use & do their besynes & occupacioñ duely & truely to the cõen weale of the Kings subjects & worship of the said Crafte And over that ye shall truely execute all thActs & Ordeynances laufully ordeyned & made for the contynuance weale & good governance of the said occupacioñ and almans duets forfeitures fynes & paynes comprised in the same Ordeynances diligently asmoche as in you is ye shall gader & levie or do to be gadered & levyed according to the said Acts & Ordeynances & all other things in the same conteyned ye shall execute & to your poure do to be executed after the tenor of the same during the tyme ye shalbe in thoffice of Wardeñ So helpe you God & his Saynts.

All which Statuts Acts Othes & Ordeynances have here tofore beñ dyvysed ordeyned & made for the conservacioñ of the good estate of the saide Mistrye of

Clothworkers aforesaid And for the better Rules & Ordeynnce of the same Felouship to be establisshed ordeyned & used And therupon the said Maist & Wardens of the said Mistye of Clothworkers by thassent of the discrete psones of the said Mistye have desired us the said Chaunceller Threasourer & Chief Justice that we all & every of us the said Statute Ordeynnce & Othes by the same Maist & Wardens of Clothworkers to thentent aforesaid made & dyvysed wold oversee & examyn and the same & every of theym wold correcte reforme & amend aft man & forme due & covenyent and the same to auctorise & establishe according And as the forsaid Acte in the said Parliament made the xix^th^ yere abovesaid requireth We the said Chaunceller Threasourer & Chief Justice well pceyvyng the said supplicacion to be good & acceptable according to their peticions & desires by auctorite of the said Acte of Parliament to us comytted all & every their othes acte pvysyons & ordeynnce in man & forme abovesaid at the said requeste of the said Maist & Felouship have pfitely seen redde & well & ripely undrestonde and theym all & every of theym examyned correctid & reformed and by thauctorite abovesaide the said Acte Ordeynnce & Othes do accepte for good laudable & laufull and by these psente asmoche as in us is ratifie laude and approve **Provided** alweys & forseen that these Ordeynnce within this Booke expssed or any of theym in nowise extende or be pjudiciall or hurtfull to the Kynge progatyve nother to the hurte of any gunte or guntes by the Kyng or his noble pgenitours before tyme made to the Citie of London or any other or any laudable custome nowe used in the same Citie And in case any article or articles in this Booke expssed be pjudiciall or hurtfull to the Kynge progatyve or to any gunte by the Kyng or his noble pgenitours made to the same Citie of London or any other or to any other laudable customes as is above expssed Then the same article or articles and every of theym so beyng pjudiciall or hurtfull as is abovesaide to be voide cassate and of non effecte Any thyng by us the saide Chaunceller Threasourer and two Chief Justice in this behalfe done or made to the contrarie notwithstondyng **In witnesse** whereof We have signed this Booke with oure signe manuell The xvij^th^ daie of Januarye the xxiij^th^ yere of the Reigne of oure Sovaigne Lord Kyng Henry the viij^th^.

THO. MORE K^t^., Ch^a^uncellour.

T. NORFFOLK Theserarius Anglie.

JOH'N FITZ JAMES Miles Capital Justic Dni Rege ad Plit coram ipo Dno Rege tenend assyngnat.

ROB'T' NORWYCH Miles Capitalis Justiciarius Dni Rege de Coi Banco.

Seene and pused by me Thomas Lutley clark Enroller of the Quenes Majesties Evydence in the High Courte of Chaundy.

IV.

Ordinances

OF THE

ART OR MYSTERY OF CLOTHWORKERS

OF THE CITY OF LONDON.

2nd July, 29 Elizabeth, A.D. 1587.

To all treue Christian people to whom this present writing shall come Christopher Hatton Knighte Lorde Chauncellor of Englande Christopher Wray Knighte Chiefe Justice of the Kinges Benche and Edmunde Anderson Knighte Chiefe Justice of theCommen Benche sende greetinge in oure Lorde God everlastinge **Whereas** in a certayne Acte of Parlyament of the late moste noble Prince Kinge Henry the Seaventh houlden at Westmynster on the fyve and twenteth day of January in the Nynetenth yeare of his Maties Raigne made and ordayned for the weale and profitt of his Subjects It was amongest other thinges ordayned established and enacted that no Master Wardens and Fellowshipp of Craftes or Misteries nor any of them nor any Rulers of Guildes or Fraternities shoulde from thenceforth take uppon them to make any Actes or Ordynaunces ne to execute any Actes or Ordynaunces by them before that tyme made or at any tyme then to come to be made in disheritaunce or dymynution of the prerogative of the Kinge nor of others nor agaynste the commen profitte of the people **But** yf the same Actes or Ordynaunces weare examyned and approved by the Chauncellor Threasurer of Englande or Chiefe Justices of eyther Benche or three of them Or else before both the Justices of Assise in their circuite or progresse in that Shyre where such Actes or Ordynaunces be made Uppon payne of forfeyture of Fortie Poundes for every tyme they do the contrary as in the sayd

Acte of Parlyament more playnly doth appeare The Master Wardenes and Commynaltie of Freemen of the Arte or Mistery of Clotheworkers of the Citie of London being willing and desyrous that the sayd Statute shoulde be kepte have uppon grave advise and mature deliberation made divers Actes and Ordynaunces very profyttable for the commen weath[1] and necessary fytt and convenient for the good governemēt rule and order of the sayd Company or Fellowshipp of Clotheworkers And thereuppon have exhibited theyr bill of petition unto us togeather with a Booke contayning the saide Actes and Ordynaunces humbly and earnestly praying and requestinge us that wee all and every the sayd Statutes and Ordynaunces woulde oversee examyne and reforme and them afterwardes allowe and approve as the aforesayd Acte of Parlyamente made requireth The tenore of which sayd Statutes and Ordynaunce hereafter ensueth :—

An Ordynaunce that the Company may assemble togeather.

2. An Ordinaunce that the Companye maye assemble togeather.

In primis It is ordayned constituted and established by these presentes That the Company or Fellowshipp of Freemen of the Arte or Mystery of Clothworkers within the Citie of London and the Suburbes of ye same And within suche circuite and other places as by the lawes of the Realme the sayde Company are pryviledged or aucthorized shall and may at all tyme and tymes hereafter and from tyme to tyme at theyr libertie and pleasure congregate and assemble themselves at theyr Commen Hall nowe belonginge to theyr sayd Company or Fellowshipp within the saide Citie or to any other hall that hereafter shall belonge to the Company or Fellowshipp of the sayd Arte and Mistery of Clotheworkers for the better direction and contynuaunce of good order and governement rule and correction of the sayde Company and Fellowshipp of the sayd Arte and Mystery of Clotheworkers or for any other theyr affayres and busines.

An Ordynaunce for the Choyse of the Master of the Company.

3. An Ordinaunce for the choyse of the Master of the Companye.

Item It is ordayned ordered and established That from henceforthe uppon the firste Monday in Auguste yearely for ever or within Twentie dayes before or within Twentie dayes after the sayd firste Monday in Auguste as shalbe thoughte moste necessary by the appoytement[1] of the sayd Master Wardenes and Assistauntes or the more parte of them for the tyme being of the sayd Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers the same Master Wardenes and Assistauntes for the tyme being or the moste parte of them shall meet at theyr Commen Hall within the sayd Citie of London about the hower

[1] *Sic* in orig.

of seaven of the clocke in the morninge And then and there the Master of the sayd Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers for the tyme being shall delyver over to so many of the Assistauntes then present as before have bene Masters of the sayd Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers the names in writinge of Twoe meete and sufficient personnes of the same Company by hym nomynated and appoynted to the office of the Master of the sayd Arte or Mystery Of which Twoe the sayd Master then for the tyme beinge and the sayd Assistauntes which have bene Masters shall amongest themselves by the moste Voyces or Pricks electe nomynate and choose one of those Twoe personnes so nomynated to be Master of the sayd Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers for one yeare from thence nexte followinge the sayde Master for the tyme beinge delyveringe upp the firste voyce in that election And if yt shall happen that the voyces be even and equall in nomber then the Master for the tyme being shall have a double voyce or prycke for the fynall determynation of the sayd election of the sayd newe Master which personne so ellecte chosen and sworne shall as aforesayd rule and governe the Company or Fellowshipp of the sayd Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers untill a newe election of a Master shalbe made accordinge to the tenor of these Ordynaunces And yt is further ordayned constituted and establyshed by this present Ordynaunce that yf the aforesayde Master of the sayd Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers for the tyme beinge shall at any tyme of the election as aforesayd make defaulte in nomynatinge such Twoe meete and sufficient personnes in manner and forme aforesayd Or shall nomynate suche personne or personnes as shalbe thoughte unmeete to the sayd Assistauntes which have bene Masters for the same roome and callinge that then the sayde Assistauntes which have byne Masters then and there present shall nomynate and appoynte Twoe suche other personnes by them selves as by them shalbe thoughte meete and convenyent and thereuppon proceede accordinge to the order before in this present Ordynaunce prescribed And yt is further ordayned that yf the personne so elected and chosen to be Master of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers shall refuse to take uppon him the same office and to be sworne within Fourteene dayes after suche ellection accordinge to an Ordynaunce and to the Othes hereafter in these presentes ordayned and expressed for that office havinge no reasonable or juste lett or ympedyment that shall or maye then appeare to the sayd Master and Wardenes or the more parte of them and to Sixteene of the Assistauntes at the leaste for the tyme beinge for his sufficient excuse and discharge in this behaulfe That then the sayde personne so ellected and refusing shall forfayte and paye for every tyme so refusinge or not takinge the sayde Othe the somme of Twentye Poundes of lawfull Englishe money.

An Ordynaunce for the Choyse of the Wardenes.

4. An Ordinaunce for the choise of the Wardenes.

Item It is ordayned ordered and establyshed that all the persones being in the Clothinge or Lyverye of the sayde Arte or Mystery of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of Clotheworkers inhabitinge within the sayde Citie of London or Suburbes of the same or within suche circuite and other places as by the lawes of the Realme the sayde Company are pryvyledged or aucthorysed shall assemble and meete at theyr Common Hall yearely for ever about seaven of the clocke in the morninge of the daye of the choyse and ellection of the newe Master as aforesaid And that then and there the fower Wardenes of the sayde Arte or Mystery for the tyme beinge after the oulde custome and use shall eache of them severally delyver to the Master of the Company for the tyme beinge and such of the Assistauntes then present as have bene Masters Foure severall bills wherein the Twoe Elder Wardenes in theyr several bills shall name severally Three suche dyvers able and sufficient personnes as have byne Yonger Wardens before of the same Company and meete to be elected to theyr sayd roomes And be it further neverthelesse ordayned and established that the yonger of the foresayde Twoe Elder Wardenes commonly called the Thirde Warden of the sayd Company or Fellowshippe recknynge from the yongest Warden upwarde The youngeste Warden being the first Warden in recknynge shall and may upon good occasyon and consideration name in his sayd bill one suche meete and sufficient personne of the aforesayde Lyvery and Clothinge as hath not bene Warden of the saide Company or Fellowshippe at any tyme before at the discrecion and by the advise and expresse consent of the Master Wardenes and Assistauntes of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp of the sayd Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge and not otherwyse And further that the Twoe Yongest Wardenes videlt The seconde Warden commonly called the Quarter Warden and the yongest or last Warden commonly called the Renter Warden shall in their sev'all bills name three suche dyvers able and sufficient personnes as never were Wardens before of the moste auncienteste meeteste and ablest of the sayde Lyverey or Clothynge Of which sayde foure bills suche of the saide Assistauntes then present as have bene Masters or the more parte of them shall put out one in every of the sayd bills to remayne for an other tyme of choyse And then the Master for the tyme being And suche of the sayde Assistauntes thē present as have bene Masters shall call in every one of the sayde Company then there present that hath bene Wardenes before one after an other in theyr Clothynge or Lyverey whoe then and there shall severally gyve theyr voyces or assent to suche personnes in the sayde former bills as hym

best lyketh After which the Master for the tyme beinge and the Assistauntes that have bene Masters then present the Master gyving the firste voyce or prycke shall proceede to the like choyce by like voyces or pryckes in election of the sayde Wardenes one after an other And that personne in every of the sayde fower bills that hath moste voyces or prickes shalbe Warden for one yeare frome thence nexte followinge untill a newe election be made for one to serve in that place and in suche sorte as he shalbe then nomynated and appoynted And yf yt shall happen that the voyces or pryckes be even and equall in nomber Then the Master for the tyme beinge shall have a double voyce for the fynall determynation of the sayde election of the sayde Wardenes And it is further ordered ordayned and establyshed by these presentes That yf any of the sayde Wardenes for the tyme beinge shall make defaute in the nomynatinge in his byll aforesayde suche three able and sufficient men in manner and forme aforesayde or shall nomynate and appoynte suche personne or personnes as shall seeme to the aforesayde Assistauntes that have bene Masters and to the Master and Wardenes for the tyme beinge or the more parte of them not to be meete and sufficient men for the sayde roome and callinge That then the Master and Wardenes for the tyme beinge and the sayde Assistauntes which have bene Masters then present or the more parte of them shall there nomynate and appoynte Three meete able and sufficient men in his steade and place and thereuppon every personne of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of ye sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers that hath bene Master or Wardenes there present shall proceede to the election of one of them by most voyces or most pryckes in manner and forme aforesayde And whatsoever hee be of the sayd Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers beinge chosen any way as aforesayde to be Warden which shall refuse and will not take uppon hym the sayd roome or office and to be sworne within Foureteene dayes after suche election accordinge to an Ordynaunce and to the Othes hereafter in these presentes ordayned and expressed shall forfeyte and pay for every tyme so refuzinge the Somme of Thirteene Poundes Six Shillinges and Eighte Pence of lawfull Englishe money And further that it shall and may be lawfull for the saide Master Wardenes and Assistauntes or the more parte of them to dysmysse the sayde personne so obstynate and refuzinge of wearinge of his lyverey and not after to be admytted thereunto without a greter fyne at the discretion of the Master Wardenes and Assistauntes of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers for the tyme beinge or the more parte of them.

An Ordynaunce

An Ordynaunce that every newe Master and Warden shalbe sworne within Foureteene dayes after theyr election.

5. An Ordinaunce that every new Master and Warden shalbe sworne within Fourteene daies after their election.

Item It is ordered ordayned and established That the sayde newe Master and Wardenes and every of them which shalbe so ellected as aforesayde shall from tyme to tyme within Fourteene dayes nexte after the daye of theyr election in theyr Commen Hall aforesaide take the Othes concerninge the saide Master and Wardenes or any of them hereafter for that purpose ordayned and expressed in these presentes in the presence of the oulde Master and Wardenes of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp of Clotheworkers for the tyme beinge Uppon the payne before in these presentes lymyted.

An Ordynaunce that every one that hath bene Master or Wardens to be Assistaunte.

6. An Ordinaunce that everie one y^t hath beene Master or Warden shalbe Assistaunt.

Item for that yt is convenient and necessary that the Master and Wardenes of the sayde Company shoulde be suffiently assisted and ayded with the advyse and good councell of the grave and wyse men of the sayde Company It is therefore ordered and ordayned that so many personnes of the sayde Company as heretofore have bene or shall hereafter beare the office of Master or Wardenes of the Lyverye of the sayde Company shalbe from henceforth one of the Assistauntes of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp of the Freemen of the sayde Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers And yt is further ordered that every suche personne before hee take uppon him to be an Assistaunte shall take a corporall othe before the Master and Wardenes of the sayde Company for the tyme beinge in suche manner and forme as hereafter for that purpose is expressed Uppon payne of forfayture of Five Poundes.

An Ordynaunce that the Master Wardenes and Assistauntes shall rule and governe the Company.

7. An Ordinaunce y^t the Master Wardenes and Assistauntes shall rule and governe the Company.

Item It is further ordered decreed and establyshed that the Master Wardenes and Assistauntes that nowe are for the tyme they shall remayne and contynue in office and the Master Wardenes and Assistauntes hereafter for the tyme beinge or the more parte of them And in defaulte of a great^r nomber of the same Assistauntes The Master Wardenes and Sixteene Assistauntes or the more parte of the Master and Wardenes with Sixteene Assistauntes at the leaste for the tyme beinge of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or My[s]tery of

Clothworkers frome tyme to tyme and at all tymes hereafter for ever shall have full power and aucthority to performe do and execute any the Lawes Statutes Actes and Ordynaunces comprysed or mencioned in this Booke of Ordynaunces and all and every thinge and thinges whatsoever for the commen weale and the conservacion of the good estate of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers and the better governement and correction of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers.

An Ordynaunce for the olde Master and Wardenes to gyve attendaunce to swere the newe.

8. An Ordinaunce for the olde Master and Wardenes to give attendaunce to sweare the newe.

Item It is ordered that the oulde Master and Wardenes and the Assistauntes of the sayde Company or the more parte of them as often and when neede shall require at any tyme hereafter shall gyve theyr attendaunce and be readye to receyve and take the Othe of the newe Master and newe Wardenes within the tyme before for that purpose in these presentes lymyted Uppon payne that every of them beinge negligente and offending in this behalfe shall lose Twentye Shillinges for every suche offence.

An Ordynaunce that the youngeste Warden shalbe Rente-geatherer and Receyver for the Company.

9. An Ordinaunce that the yongest Warden shalbe Rent - geatherer and Receyver for the Companie.

Item It is ordayned ordered and establyshed That at all tyme and tymes hereafter as often as yt shall seeme good unto the Master and the other Wardenes of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers the youngest Warden of the sayde Wardenes so elected nomynated and chosen as aforesayd shall for the tyme of so beinge youngest Warden be also Renter or Rent-geatherer and Receyver of all the rentes and revenewes of the landes tenementes and possessiones belonginge to the sayde Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers.

An Ordynaunce for the choyse of the Auditoures and Auditinge of Accomptes.

10. An Ordinãnce for the choice of ye Auditors and Auditinge of Accompts.

Item It is ordayned that within Three monethes after the election of the Master and Wardenes yearly The Master Wardenes and Assistauntes or the more parte of them for the tyme being shall choose and electe Fower Fyve or Six personnes beinge of the Assistauntes of the sayde Arte or Mistery of Clotheworkers to be Audytours for the takynge of the Accompte of the late Master and Wardenes and other Officers of the

sayd Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clothworkers and to take and receyve all suche accomptes and reckninges as oughte to be made or to be accompted for by them or any of them concernynge any money plate jewells goodes proffitts rentes of landes tenementes and heredytamentes commodyties and other thinges whatsoever towching belonginge concerninge or appertayninge to the sayd Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers Or which shall happen at any tyme hereafter to come belonge or appertayne to the sayde Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery And yt is further ordered that the sayde Audytours beinge so chosen shall audytt the accompte within Fortye dayes after theyre election Uppon payne of forfayture of Twentye Shillinges a peece yf any defaulte shalbe in them.

An Ordynaunce for the payment of suche money as shall come to the handes of the Master and Wardenes to the use of the Company.

11. An Ordinaunce for the paym^t of suche money as shall come to the handes of the Master and Wardenes to the use of the Companye.

Item for asmuche as the sayd Company of Clothworkers have before this tyme sustayned greate losses by some personnes accomted of good reputacyon and creaditt with the saide Company by reasone of the truste reposed in them in receiptes of money commytted to theyre charge by the sayde Company to the use of the same Company withoute any bonde or bondes taken for the securitye of the sayde Company Therefore for the preventinge of suche like inconvenyences in tyme to come It is ordayned ordered and established That every personne and personnes of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of the saide Arte or Mystery which at any tyme hereafter shalbe chosen to supply the places and roomes of Firste and Seconde Wardenes commonly called the Renter and Quarter Wardenes of the sayde Company shall before suche tyme as any of them shall take uppon hym or them the execution of the same office or offices become bounde by obligacion severallye to the Master and Wardenes of the sayde Companye or Fellowshippe for the tyme beinge in the some of Fyve Hundreth Poundes with condition thereuppon severally to this effecte to be endorced That yf he or they his or theyre executors or administrators shall within foure monethes nexte after his or theyre goinge out of office or decease which of them shall firste happen make a true and juste accompte to the Audytours of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe in that case to be assigned of and for all suche rentes fynes sōme and sommes of money whatsoever which by any wayes or meanes shall have bene come to his or theyre handes by reasōne of his or theyre office or offices of Wardenship or otherwise by the appoyntement of the sayde Master Wardenes and Assistāntes or any of them for or to the use of the same Company And also shall

paye to the Master and Wardenes of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe for the tyme beinge within Twentye dayes nexte after the accomptes then audyted all suche sommes of money which uppon the foote of theyr sayde accomptes or otherwyse shall be founde to remayne in theyr or any of theyr handes due and payable And also that yf in the meane tyme the Firste Warden commonlye called the Renter Warden of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp frome henceforth shall quarterly frome tyme to tyme during the tyme of his Wardenshipp Paye or cause to be payde to suche personnes and to suche uses as by the Master Wardenes and Assistauntes of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe for the tyme beinge he shalbe appoynted and assigned suche some and somes of money as by the sayde Master and Wardenes shalbe thoughte needefull and necessarye out of suche stocke as from tyme to tyme shall appeare to the sayde Master Wardenes and Assistauntes to remayne and be in his handes over and above his charges and paymentes already defrayde by theyr appoymente[1] That then the sayde severall obligations shalbe voyde and of none effecte or els to stande in full force effecte and vertue And it is further ordered and established that the sayde late Master and every and eyther of the other of the late Wardenes commonly called the Upper and Thirde Warden shall within Twenty dayes nexte after the audytinge of the sayde accompte delyver yealde upp and paye unto the Master and Wardenes then beinge all such some and sommes of money as shalbe founde due resting or payable to the sayde Company in his or theyr handes uppon the sayde accompte Uppon payne that the personne so offending in whose handes any reste or duetye to the Company shalbe or remayne not satisfyed or payde as aforesayde shall lose for every moneth that he shall so with houlde the same after demaunde thereof made the some of Tenne Poundes.

An Ordynaunce for the choyse of the Wardenes of the Yomanrye.

12. An Ordinaunce for the choise of the Wardennes of the Yomanrye.

Item It is ordayned that the Master Wardenes and Assistauntes of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp or the more parte of them then presente shall and may frome henceforth every yeare yearly uppon the Mondaye nexte after Mychaelmas day or within Twenty dayes before or xx^tie^ dayes after at theyr will and pleasures appoynte nomynate electe and choose out of the Yomanrye of the sayde Company fower honest dyscreete and substancyall and able personnes to be Wardenes of the sayde Yomanrye of the same Company for the yeare ensueing for the better regiment rule and governemente of the sayde Yomanry and Jorneymen of the sayde Arte or Mystery suche as to the sayde Master and Wardenes or to the more parte of them

[1] *Sic* in orig.

and to Sixteene of the Assistauntes at the leaste shalbe thoughte meete and conveniente And yf any of the sayde fower Wardenes of the Yomanry shall happen to dye before the ende of his yeare That then within convenyent tyme after suche death The Master Wardenes and Assistauntes of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers or the more parte of them then presente shall appoynte nomynate electe and choose some other discreete and substantiall personne or personnes out of the sayd Yomanry to supplye the sayde roome or roomes place or places of hym or them so deceased or departinge within the sayde yeare And that every personne of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers that heareafter shalbe chosen Warden of the same Yomanry in manner and forme above rehearsed which shall refuze to take the same office uppon hym shall forfeyte and lose for eveyry tyme so refuzinge (yf none of the Company be that yeare Lorde Maior of the sayde Citie of London) the somme of Tenne Poundes And for every suche offence at suche tyme as one of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp shalbe Lorde Maior in that yeare the some of Twentye Poundes of lawfull Englishe money And yt is further ordayned ordered and establyshed by this present Ordynaunce that the Wardenes chosen frome tyme to tyme to be Wardenes of the Yomanry shall not in any wyse beare the name or names of the Wardenes of the Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers or to be accompted reputed taken or ordayned to be the Wardenes to rule and governe the Company or Fellowshipp of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers But only to be accompted reputed and taken to be Wardenes for the better governemente of the Yomanry and Jorneymen in suche case as heretofore hath bene used and accustomed.

An Ordynaunce for the choyse of Twoe Stewardes agaynste the Mayors Feaste.

13. An Ordinaunce for the choise of Twoe Stewards against the Maiores feaste.

Item It is ordered and agreede that there shalbe yearely chosen from henceforth by the Master Wardenes and Assistauntes of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge Twoe personnes or more of the Lyverey of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers to be Stewardes for the makinge of the provysyon of a Dynner for the sayd Company every yeare yearly when the Lorde Maior of the Citye doth or shall take his othe And the sayde Master Wardenes and Assistauntes shall yearely appoynte suche parsonnes as have not at any tyme then before executed the sayde office of Stewardshippe or fyned for the same untill it hath gone throughe the whole Lyverey and then to begynne orderly agayne in theyr course and auncientye And whosoever of the saide Lyverey that doth or shall refuze the execution of the sayde office of Stewardeshippe beinge thereunto appoynted in forme aforesayd shall forfeyte

and paye the somme of Tenne Poundes of lawfull money of Englande for every tyme so refuzinge And that the sayd Stewarde or Stewardes shall have allowaunce of the howse or of the saide Company or Fellowshippe of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers of the somme of Fiftye Shillinges of lawfull Englishe money towardes every such Dynner or more yf yt shalbe so thoughte good by the discretion of the Master Wardenes and Assistãntes or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge.

An Ordynaunce for the choyse of one Stewarde or more uppon occasion.

14. An Ordinaunce for the choise of one Steward or more uppon occasion.

Item It is ordered ordayned and establyshed That frome henceforth the sayde Master Wardenes and Assistãnts or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge of the saide Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers as occasion shall serve at their will and pleasure shall and maye frome tyme to tyme nomynate and appoynte one or mo honest and substauntiall personne or personnes of the Lyverey and Clothing of the saide Company or Fellowshippe to be Stewarde or Stewardes to ordayne and provide for the personnes of the Lyverey or Clothynge of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers a convenyent Dynner at theyr Commen Hall at suche daye and tyme as he or they shalbe appoynted by the Master Wardenes and Assistauntes or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge accordinge to the auncient use and custome and in suche manner and forme as heretofore hath bene used and accustomed concernynge the saide Company or Fellowshipp of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers And that the saide Stewarde or Stewardes shall have allowaunce of the howse or of the saide Company or Fellowshippe of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clothworkers of suche some of money towardes every suche Dynner as shalbe thoughte good by the dyscretion of the Master Wardenes and Assistauntes or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge And whatsoever he be of the saide Lyverey that doth or shall refuze the execution of the saide office of Stewardshipp beinge therunto appoynted in forme aforesayde shall forfeyte and paye the sõme of Tenne Poundes for everye tyme so refuzinge.

An Ordynaunce for the choyse of the Clerke of the Companye.

15. An Ordinaunce for the cho[i]se of ye Clerk of the Companye.

Item It is ordayned That the Master Wardenes and Assistauntes or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge shall or may frome tyme to tyme when and as it shall seeme expedyente and necessary make choyse and election of one honeste discreete and sufficient Clerke for the entringe and registeringe of all Decrees Ordynaunces Actes Agreamentes Conclusions Orders and thinges made or to be made in theyr Assemblyes

of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers and to do and performe all other thinges which shalbe requisite necessary or appertaynīge to the same office for and concernynge the sayde Company and Fellowshippe And also the sayde Master Wardenes and Assistauntes or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge shall and may by theyr discretions uppon juste occasion of offence from tyme to tyme dysplace and dyscharge any such Clerke from his sayde office and thereuppon choose and appoynte one other for the supplyinge and exercysinge of his sayde office and roome.

An Ordinaunce for the choyse of the Bedells of the Company.

16. An Ordinaunce for the choyse of the Beadles of the Companye.

Item It is ordayned that the saide Master Wardenes and Assistauntes of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp of the sayd Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge shall or may frome tyme to tyme at theyr Commen Hall when and as often as it shall seeme unto them meete and expedyent elect and choose Two personnes of good and honest behavyoure meete personnes for that service oute of theyr sayde Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers to be theyr Bedells one for the Lyverey the other for the Yomanry who shalbe at all tymes attendaunte uppon the sayde Master and Wardenes and at the lawfull commaundemente or commaundementes of any one of them and diligent also to somon and warne all and every personne and personnes of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers for and concernynge the affayres and busynes of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers and to make reporte unto them of theyr aunsweres in that behalfe And also the sayde Master Wardenes and Assistauntes or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge shall and may by theyr dyscretions uppon juste occasion of offence from tyme to tyme dysplace or dyscharge any such Bedell or Bedells from his sayde office And theruppon choose and appoynte one other for the supplyinge and exercysinge of his or theyr sayde roome or office.

An Ordinaunce for the Master and Wardenes overleapinge any rowme to paye Fower Poundes for a fyne.

17. An Ordinaunce for the Master and Wardenes overleaping any rowme to paye Fower Pounds for a fine.

Item It is further ordered ordayned and establyshed that every personne or personnes of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers which shalbe advaunced or preferred to be Master or Warden before he shall have orderly supplyed the rowme or place rowmes or places of the inferyor Warden or Wardenes of the sayd Company That then the personne so preferred shall pay to the saide Master

and Wardenes of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers for a fyne the somme of Fower Poundes of lawfull Englyshe money for every office of Warden which he hath not served.

An Ordynaunce for a notorious or vicious lyver to be removed from his office.

18. An Ordinaunce for a notorious or vicious liver to be removed from his office.

Item It is ordayned and establyshed that yf the said Master Wardenes and Sixteene Assistauntes at the leaste or the more parte of them nowe or at any tyme hereafter for the tyme beinge shall perceyve and understande any of the sayde Masters Wardenes or Assistauntes that nowe are or at any tyme herafter shalbe or any other officer hereafter constituted ordayned or appoynted in these presente Ordynaunces or any of the Lyverey to be a notorious vicious lyver or to have any notorious faulte whereby he or they shalbe demede or judged to be unmeete to contynue out his or their tyme to supplye any his or theyr sayde offices or places before or hereafter mencioned and shall thereuppon determynately conclude and agree that he or they shalbe removed from the same his or theyr office or offices place or places That then the saide Master Wardenes and Assistauntes or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge shall and may at all tymes hereafter depryve remove and put out any suche Master Wardenes and Assistauntes or other officers or any of the Lyverey as afforesaide that shall so by them be determynately demeed and adjudged to be a vicious lyver or a notorious faultie personne from his saide office or offices rowme or rowmes and to expell and seclude hym or them utterly from the same unlesse uppon his or theyr reformation they shall thincke good to electe or choose him or them into the same place or rowme agayne.

An Ordynance to have a Cheste or Countyng-house with keys for keepinge theyr Bookes.

19. An Ordinaunce to have a Cheste or Counting-house with keyes for keepinge their Bookes.

Item It is ordayned that the saide Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers and theyr successors shall frome tyme to tyme and at all tymes hereafter have one substanciall Cheste or Countynge-howse or some other convenyent place with Three severall keys thereunto belonginge for the safe custodye and keepinge as well of all such Money Plate Jewells goods substaunce and other thinges which shall appertayne or belonge unto the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers as also of all the Charters Evydences Ordynaunces and Wrytinges to the sayde Company or Fellowshipp appertayninge One of the which three severall keys shalbe and remayne

in the severall custodye of the Master for the tyme beinge And one of the other keys in the custodye of the Upper Warden The thirde keye in the custodye of the Seconde Warden commonly called the Quarter Warden who shall altogeather in theyr proper personnes repayre to the oppenynge of the sayde Countinge-howse Cheste or place when and as often as there shalbe occasion and yf yt shall happen any of the sayd Master or Wardens to be sicke or out of the Citie or to have any other lawfull busynes Then the Master and Wardenes or any of them havinge any of the saide keyes in custody and so beinge sicke or out of the Citye shall appoynte one of the auncientes or more of the sayde Company of Assistauntes to take his or theyr keye to supłye his or their rowme in his or theyre absence.

An Ordynaunce for keepinge of Assemblyes and Fower Quarter-dayes.

20. An Ordinaunce for keepinge of Assemblies and Fower Quarter-daies.

Item It is ordayned ordered established and concluded that from tyme to tyme and at all tymes hereafter as often as neede shall requyre There shall or may be an Assemblie and a Courte houlden of and by the sayd Master Wardenes and Assistauntes of the saide Company or Fellowshippe of the Freemen of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers or the more parte of them at theyr Commen Hall for the tyme beinge As well for the well orderynge of the same Company or Fellowshipp of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers As all other affayres or busynes whatsover At which tyme the saide Master Wardenes and Assistauntes or as many of them as convenyentlye maye shall there assemble themselves And it is also ordered and ordayneyd that especially Fower tymes in the yeare That is to saye within Fourteene dayes after every of the Feastes of Mychaelmas Christmas Easter and Mydsommer without some reasonable cause to the contrary there shalbe holden by the Master Wardenes and Assistauntes of the sayde Compayny or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge Fower Courtes or generall assemblies commonly called the Fower Quarter-dayes of assemblies unto the which shalbe sommoned the whole Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers and all other personnes whatsoever beinge Free of the same Company or Fellowshipp and dwellinge or resiante within the saide Cittye of London or suburbes of the same or within suche circuite or other places as by the lawes of the realme the same Company are pryvyledged or aucthorysed At which Courtes or Assemblies then and there so houlden These Ordynaunces or so many of them as shalbe thoughte meete and necessary by the Master Wardenes and Assistauntes then presente or the more parte of them shalbe then and there distinctelie and openly readde unto them there assembled to the intent

they may the better remember to observe and keepe the same And whosoever being warned make defaulte in apparaunce at any tyme of the sayde Courtes or Quarter-daies having no juste or lawfull excuse in that behalfe shall forfeyte and paye for every suche offence these severall sommes of money followinge viz The Master and Wardenes each of them so offendinge Six Shillinges Eyghte Pennce Every Assistaunte so offendynge Three Shillynges Fower Pence Every one of the Lyverey so offendinge (not beinge Master or Warden) Two Shillinges Every houshoulder so offendinge (not beinge Master or Warden) Twelve-pence and every Jorneyman so offendinge Fower pence of lawfull money of Englande.

An Ordynaunce for the Quarter-Warden to delyver the goodes by Inventorie to the newe Warden.

21. An Ordinaunce for the Quarter - Warden to deliver the goods by inventorie to the newe Warden.

Item It is ordayned ordered and establyshed that betwene the tyme of the election of the Master and Wardenes and the Feaste of Sayncte Mychaell Th'archaungell yearelie The late seconde Warden commonlye called the Quarter-Warden in the Common Hall of the saide Companye or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers in the presence of the newe Master and Wardenes of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe or the more parte or some of them then presente shall make a juste true and full accompte by Inventorie or otherwyse to the same newe Master and Wardenes or the more parte or some of them whereof the seconde Warden commonly called the Quarter-Warden to be one of for and concerning all and all māner of Jewells Plate Lynnen or stocke of houshoulde stuffes Charters Wrytinges and Evydences or other goodes and ymplementes whatsoever remayninge in his chardge and custodye belonginge to the saide Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers And then and there in the presence of the newe Master and Wardenes or the more parte or some of them shall delyver to the Seconde or Quarter-Warden for the tyme beinge The saide Plate Jewells and stock of houshoulde stuffe Charters Wrytinges Evydences and other goodes and ymplementes togeather with his keye and all other thinges whatsoever as aforesaide then beinge or remayninge in his handes custody or possession or which he shall or maye be dulie or lawfully chardged to have receyved to the use of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers or otherwyse appertaynynge to the said Company or Fellowshippe Uppon payne of Forfeyture of Fyve Markes for everye moneth that hee shall detayne any of the premisses in his handes after the tyme afforesayde And It is further ordered that the sayde Accompte wyth the Inventory and suche other thinges as shalbe so delyvered upp shall ymmedyately be wrytten by

the Clerke of the sayd Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of the Clotheworkers in a Lidgier Booke which shall allwayes remayne and be kepte in the sayd Cheste or Countinge-house or other place as aforesaide.

An Ordynaunce for the choyce of the Lyverey every thirde or fourth yeare and a decent Lyverey.

22. An Ordinaunce for the choise of the Lyverey everie thirde or fourth yeare and a decent Lyverey.

Item It is ordayned constituted and establyshed That the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers shall have a decente Lyverye comely for them selves and meete to attende uppon the Maior and his brethren the Aldermen of the saide Citie of London frome tyme to tyme at all tymes as neede shall requyre And that every Three or Fower yeares as occasion shall serve The sayde Master Wardenes and Assistauntes or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge shall or maye electe and choose into the Lyverey or Clothinge of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers suche and so many of the Yomanry of the same Company or Fellowshipp as shall seeme moste meete and convenyente unto them And that every personne of the saide Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers so chosen and admytted into the sayde Lyverey for his admyssyon into the same shall paye unto the sayd Master and Wardenes of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers the somme of Forty Shillings of lawfull Englishe money to be ymployed and bestowed to the use proffytte and commodytye of the same Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers And shall paye lykewyse to the Clerke Twoe Shillinges And Twoe Shillinges to the Bedell of the Lyverey of the same Company And further yt is lykwyse ordered by these presentes that every one of the sayde Company so elected and chosen into the sayd Lyverey which never was Warden of the Yomanry of the same Company nor never payde fyne for the same shall pay to the Master and Wardens of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers over and besydes the sayd somme of Fortye and Fower Shillinges the somme of Fyve Poundes To be ymployed and bestowed to the use proffytte and commodytye of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers And yf any of the sayd Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers so elected and chosen to be of the Lyverey as aforesayde shall refuze to be of the same Lyverey and refuze to take uppon him the same every suche personne or personnes so refuzinge shall paye for every tyme that he shall refuze the same The some of Twentye Markes of lawfull Englishe money.

An Ordynaunce for the whole Lyverye to attende at the Election of the Master and Wardenes.

23. An Ordinaunce for the whole Liverie to attende at the Election of the Master and Wardeñs.

Item It is further ordayned ordered and establyshed that every persone beinge of the Lyverey of the saide Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers shall attende from tyme to tyme at the severall daies of Election of the said Master and Wardenes frome the hower of Eighte of the Clocke in the Morninge of the saide daies yearly untill the Ellection of the aforesayd Master and Wardenes be as aforesayd fynyshed And presently after the aforesaide Election or Elections as well the Master and Wardenes as also all the reste of the Lyverey or Clothinge by Twoe and Twoe shall orderly and decentlye goe in theyr best Lyverey from theyr said Hall unto Sayncte Dunstanes Churche in the Easte or such other place or paryshe churche as shalbe by them in that behalfe appoynted to heare devyne service or some godly sermon or both And shall in lyke decente order returne from thence to theyr Common Hall backe agayne there to doe and exercise such other necessary busynes as to them shall seeme meete and so to dynner or drynkynge there and not to departe thence without lycence of the Master and Wardenes untill dynner or drynkynge be ended the same daye And yf any of ye saide pson or psoñes being of ye Lyvery as aforesaide do not come attende and wayte in manner and forme above rehearsed but make defaulte thereof (excepte it be by occasion of sicknes or for some other lawfull ympedym^t^ to be adjudged reasonable by ye Mr Wardenes and Assistãnts of ye Company or Fellowshipp of ye sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers or the more parte of them for the tyme being That then every such psoñ or psoñes so offendinge or makinge defaulte shall forfeyte and pay for every such offence the some of Tenne Shillynges of lawfull money of Englande.

An Ordynaunce for the Lyverey to go to the buryall of any of the Lyverey or theyr wyves.

24. An Ordinaunce for the Liverie to goe to the buriall of any of the Liverey or their wives.

Item it is ordayned and established that every parsonne beinge of the sayd Lyverye of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers at all tymes hereafter when and as often as any of the said Lyvery or theyr wyves shall decease within the saide Cittie of London or suburbs of the same shall make his and theyr repayre to goe to and with the saide Master Wardenes and Assistauntes or some of them in theyr Lyvereys to and for the bringynge of the Corps to the grave

whensoever hee or they shalbe therunto warned or required Unlesse he or they so warned and required shall have some lawfull excuse or have obtayned leave of the sayd Master and Wardenes or some of them for the tyme being And yf the personne so deceased were ever Master or Warden of the said Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers That theñe the Master and Wardenes shall and may appoynte and assigne Fower personnes of the sayde Clotheing or Lyverey to goe by the dead Corps to the Churche where it shalbe buryed So that the personne so dyinge dye not of the Plague or Pestilence And whatsoever he be of the sayd Lyverey and Clothynge that shall offende contrary to ye tenor of ye Ordynaunce He shall forfeyt and paye for every suche offence Three Shillinges and Fower Pence of lawfull money of Englande.

An Ordynaunce for the Lyverey to keepe Twoe lyverey Gownes for the Companyes Worshippe.

25. An Ordinaunce for the Lyverey to keepe twoe lyverey gownes for the Companeyes worshipp.

Item It is ordayned That every personne of the sayde Lyverey or Clothinge shall keepe Two lyvereys or gownes allwaies togeather viz his beste Lyverye and his seconde and one good or fayre Hoode to be worne by hym for the worshippe of the sayde Citye of London and the honestie and credytt of the saide Company or Fellowshippe of the saide Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers And whatsover persone or personnes of the saide Lyverye or Clothinge that shall doe the contrary shall forfeyt and pay for every default the somme of Twentye Shillinges of lawfull Englyshe money.

An Ordynaunce for certayne poore howsholders of the Company to be releeved and buryed by the Company.

26. An Ordinaunce for certen poore housholders of the Company to be releeved and buryed by ye Company.

Item It is ordayned that yf at any tyme or tymes hereafter any personne or personnes of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers beinge howshoulderes which before tyme have bene well accompted of and shall lykewyse contynue to be of good name and fame and duely and trulie to his power hath borne and payde his quarteradges dueties and other chardges to the sayd Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers shall fall into povertie or necessitie that then he shalbe refreshed weekely monethely or quarterly towardes his or theyr needy sustentacion and lyvinge out of the Commen Boxe and Almes belonginge to the Company or Fellowshipp of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers by the discretion of the Master Wardenes and Assistauntes

or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge And if the sayde personne or personnes dye in povertie then he or they shall decentlye honestly and Christyanly be buryed at the coste and chardges of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clothworkers.

An Ordynaunce for the Master and Wardenes to procure a searche every quarter at the leaste.

27. An Ordinaunce for the Master and Wardeñs to procure a searche everie quarter at the leaste.

Item It is ordayned that yf the saide Master and Wardenes of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers for the tyme beinge do not call warne or require some of the sayde Assistauntes or Lyverey or other of the said Company once every quarter of a yeare at the leaste to go to searche with them or some of them for the better oversighte governemente and mayntayning of good workemanshipp within the sayde Company That then every of the sayde persoñes in whom any defaulte shalbe therein founde in the executinge of his sayd office shall for every quarter so myssinge forfeyt and paye the soṁe of Twenty Shillinges of lawfull money of Englande for his and theyr neclegence therein used or made.

An Ordynaunce for the searche to be made every quarter at the least or oftener.

28. An Ordinaunce for the searche to be made everie quarter at the leaste or oftenner.

Item It is ordered ordayned and establyshed That the sayde Master and Wardenes of the sayd Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers with suche others of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe as shalbe appoynted by the Master and Wardenes or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge shall once every quarter in the yeare at the leaste and oftener as it shall seeme good unto them enter into the howses chambers shoppes sollers cellers warehouses boothes and any other place or places whatsoever of every personne and personnes as well being free of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of Clotheworkers as of any others occupyinge or exercyzinge workinge or sellynge any thing or thinges appertayninge to the sayd Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers as well within the sayde Citie of London as the suburbs of the same and within suche circuite and other places as by the lawes of the Realme the sayde Companye are pryvyledged or aucthoryzed and as well in places pryvyledged and exempte as not pryvyledged and exempte and as well within fayres and markettes within the sayde Citie and suburbs of the same and within suche circuite and other places as by the lawes of the Realme the sayde Company are pryvyledged or aucthorized and there to vewe and searche all manner

of personnes whatsoever using the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers As well shearinge with the broade sheare uppon Wollen Clothes and Fustyans as Roweing Wollen Clothes at the Pearche and also in Cottoninge and Workinge any kynde of Clothe whatsoever to oversee that they doe theyr worke well lawfully surely and workemanly for the common welth and proffitt of the Queenes Majesties Subjects and that they use no manner of sleights nor undue worke in the same And yf any manner of faultes or sleightes be done and founde in the saide searche eyther in Wollen Clothe Fustyanes Karseys or Cottones or in any other thinge appertayninge to the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers Then all the sayde Clothes Fustyanes Karseyes Cottones and all other thinges as aforesayde shall and maye be taken caryed and borne awaye to theyr Commen Hall there throughlye to be searched and vewed by the sayde Master Wardenes and Assistantes or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge or some other honeste and sufficiente Workemanñ or Workemenne of the sayde Arte or Mystery as by them shalbe thereunto appoynted to judge therof indifferently And for suche faultes sleightes and deceipts as shalbe so founde the doers and offenders thereof shall forfeyte and paye to the Master and Wardenes for the tyme beinge suche sommes of monye for a fyne accordinge to the quallitie and quantitie of theyre offence as shalbe assessed or sett downe by the saide Master Wardenes and Assistauntes or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge So yt exceede not for any one faulte the some of Twentye Shillinges of lawfull Englishe money to the intente that good and lawfull workemanshippe may be contynued for the common proffitte of the Queenes Majesties Subjects.

An Ordynaunce that none of the Company chaunge theyr freedome Uppon payne of An Hundred Markes.

29. An Ordinaunce yt none of the Companie change their freedome Uppon payne of an Hundred Marks.

Item It is ordayned that noe manner of personne or personnes beinge once made allowed ordayned or admytted to be free of the saide Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers of what trade facultye or mystery soever hee or they be shall at any tyme hereafter procure hymselfe to be made free of any other Fellowshipp or Company within the sayde Citie of London or Suburbs of the same or els where without the full consente and agreement of the sayde Master Wardenes and Assistauntes for the tyme beinge or the more parte of them Uppon payne that every personne so offendinge shall forfeyte and paye to the sayde Master and Wardenes to the use of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers for the tyme beinge

suche reasonable fyne or somme of money as shalbe taxed rated or assessed by the dyscretion of the sayde Master Wardenes and Assistauntes or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge havinge good regarde of and to the habilitie of the saide personne or personnes so offendinge So as the sayde some so rated taxed or assessed doe not exceed the Somme of One Hundred Markes.

An Ordynaunce that none shall hyre an other mannes Howse Tenter or Soyle over his heade.

30. An Ordinaunce y^t^ none shall hyre an other mannes house tenter or soyle over his head.

Item It is ordayned that noe personne or personnes of the said Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers from henceforth shall take or hyer or cause any other to hyre or take by corruption of guyftes or by any other meanes whatsoever dyrectly or indyrectly any Howsse Tenter Landes Tenementes or Heredytamentes wherein any personne or personnes of the sayde Company of Clotheworkers doth inhabitt or dwell in or useth for his necessary occupation nor by any meanes advaunce the rente therof by any Crafte or Covine Uppon payne that every personne so offendinge shall forfeyt and paye the somme of Twentie Nobles for every suche offence.

An Ordynaunce that no Forrener be sett on worke before a Free Jorneyman.

31. An Ordinaunce that no Forener be sett on worke before a Free Jorneyman.

Item It is ordered ordayned and established that no personne or personnes beinge an househoulder and of the Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery nor any other personne or personnes occupyinge usinge or exercisinge the sayd Arte or Mistery of Clotheworkers shall frome henceforth sett to worke in his sayde Arte or Mystery within the sayde Citie of London and the Suburbs of the same a Jorneyman beinge a Forrener or Straunger yf he maye have a Free Jorneyman being skylfull and a competente Workeman in that Arte or Mystery to worke for reasonable wages Uppon payne that every personne so offendinge shall forfeite and paye for every suche offence the somme of Forty Shillinges of lawfull Englyshe money.

An Ordynaunce that none shall sett an others Jorneyman on Worke without a Certificate.

32. An Ordinaunce that none shall set an other mannes Jorneyman on worke without a certificate.

Item It is ordayned that no personne or personnes of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery shall at any tyme hereafter sett on Worke any Jorneyman of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers before he be certified by or frome his Master or Mistris that he wroughte with laste before of his departure and that

the sayde Jorneyman were lawfully dyscharged out of his or her sayd service Uppon payne to forfeyt and paye the somme of Six Shillings Eighte Pence of lawfull money of Englande for every suche offence.

An Ordynaunce to occupie true Workemanshipp in Roweinge Shearinge and Cottonynge.

33. An Ordinaunce to occupie true workmanshippe in Roweinge Shearinge and Cottoninge.

Item It is ordayned ordered and establyshed that frome henceforth as well all manner of personnes of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers as any other usinge the same shall occupie true workemanshipp as well in Roweynge as Shearynge and Cottonynge of all manner of Wollen Clothes Bayes Cottons and Fustyans for the common wealth of the Queenes Majesties Subjects wearers of the same and for the honour of the Realme and the honesty and credytt of the Company and Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers Uppon payne that every personne or persoñes doinge the contrary shall forfeyt and paye to the Master and Wardenes of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp the soṁe of Sixe Shilinges Eyghte Pence of lawfull Englishe money for every suche offence to be ymployed and bestowed to the use benefitt and mayntaynaunce of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers And that noe personne or personnes of what Arte Crafte or Mystery soever hee be occupyinge Roweynge at the pearche any manner of Wollen Clothes Karsayes Frizadowes Pennystones Bayes Cottons or any other manner of Wollen Clothes shall Rowe with any other stuffe but only with Tesells and not with Iroñe Carde or Cardes oulde or newe in any wyse Uppon payne that every persoñe so offendinge shall forfeyt and paye to the Master and Wardenes of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers for the tyme beinge for every Carde or payre of Cardes so occupyede contrary to the tenore of this Ordynaunce the soṁe of Tenne Shillinges of lawfull Englishe money to be ymployed and bestowed to the use benefitt and commodyty of the Company or Fellowshippe of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers And it is also further ordered by vertue of this present Ordynaunce that no personne or personnes That sheareth with the Brode Sheare shall either Muster Cancell or Solas any manner of Wollen Clothes or Fustyanes but only that they maye be trulye and workemanly wroughte and shorne with the brode sheare frome the one ende to the other without any fraude or deceipte and everye peece of Fustyan to be marked with the markers marke when it is well shorne And every Wollen Clothe Karsey Pennystone Bayes Cottons and other Clothe whatsoever to be marked with the Workmannes marke when it is shorne to the intente it maye appeare whose doinges it is yf any faulte

shoulde be founde theron Uppon payne that every persoñe doinge the contrary shall forfeyt and paye for every whole peece of Fustyan so founde faultie Sixe Shillinges Eyghte Pence of laufull Englyshe money for every halfe peece of Fustyan so likewyse founde faulty Three Shillinges Fower Pence of lyke lawfull Englyshe money And for every Clothe Kersey Pennystone Bayes Cotton or other Clothe whatsoever Sixe Shillinges Eighte Pence of good and lawfull money of Englande.

An Ordynaunce that none shall Coloure any Forreners goodes or teach them their trade.

34. An Ordinaunce that none shall collour any forreners goodes or teach them theyr trade.

Item It is ordered ordayned and establyshed that yf any personne or personnes of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers shall at any tyme or tymes hereafter directely or indirectly Coloure any Forreners goodes or them receyve or take into his howsse or into any other place by coloure to sell the same as his owne proper goodes to any straunger or straungers The sayde personne or personnes so offendinge shall forfeyte and paye for every suche offence the Somme of Tenne Poundes of lawfull Englyshe money And it is further ordayned also by these presentes That if any personne or personnes of the sayde Companye or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers shall at any tyme or tymes hereafter ryde or goe into the Countrye with any Marchaunte straunger to learne them to buye there any manner of Wollen Clothes or Kersayes by meanes whereof greate incommodytye mighte ensue to the sayde Companye or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers and dyvers others Englyshe Marchauntes within the Realme Every suche personne so offendinge shall forfeyte and pay for every suche offence the lyke somme of Tenne Poundes of lawfull Englyshe money.

An Ordynaunce that none shall buye Clothes for any Straunger or Forrener in Blackwell Hall.

35. An Ordinaunce that none shall buye clothes for any straunger or forener in Blackwell Hall.

Item It is ordered ordayned and established That no manner of personne or personnes of the sayde Companye or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers shall take into his warehowsse or into any other place or shall goe to Blackwell Hall to Buye any manner of Clothes eyther for a Straunger or Forrener Uppon payne that every persoñe or personnes doinge the contrary shall forfeyt and paye for every Clothe so by them or any of them boughte the somme of Fyve Poundes of lawfull Englishe money.

An Ordynaunce that none of the Company shall suffer his Servingeman Jorneyman or Apprentice to beare Clothes from Blackwell Hall but Porters onlye.

36. An Ordinaunce yt none of ye Company shall suffer his Servingman Jorneyman or Apprentice to beare clothes from Blackwell Hall but Porters onelie.

Item It is further ordayned that no persone or personnes of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers by hymselfe or his Servingeman Jorneyman or Apprentices shall goe to Blackwell Hall to beare any manner of clothe either to his Workemasters howsse or other place or to any straungers howsse in takinge awaye of the lyvinge of dyvers Porters which are appoynted to serve for suche purposes Uppon payne that every Master so offendinge and the Master for any of his Servingeman Jorneyman or Apprentices by his consente so offendinge shall forfeyt and paye for every suche offence the somme of Sixe Shillinge and Eighte Pence of lawfull Englyshe money.

An Ordynaunce that none shall dye or kallender Fustyans before they be shorne throughe.

37. An Ordinaunce that none shall dye or kallender Fustyanes before they be shorne throughe.

Item It is ordered ordayned and establyshed that no personne or persoñes infranchezed in the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers or in any other Mystery or Arte within the Citie of London occupyinge dressinge shearinge or dyinge buyeinge selleinge or retaylinge any Fustyanes within the sayde Cittie of London the Suburbs of the same or Sowthwarke or within suche circuite and other places as by the lawes of the Realme the sayd Company are pryvyledged or aucthorized shall from henceforth dye or kallender or cause to be dyed or kallendered either in his owne howsse or in any dyers howsse any Fustyane Roughe or in any sorte before the same Fustyan or Fustyanes be truely and workemanly wroughte and cleane shorne with the brode sheare from the one ende to the other And that then they shalbe truly dyed and of good and lastinge coloures for the Common Wealth of the Queenes liege people Uppon payne that every personne or personnes doinge the contrary as aforesaide buyeinge sellinge or retaylinge dresseinge or dyeinge Fustyanes and the dyer and kallenderer of suche Fustyanes as shall not be well and truly dyed and wroughte as aforesayde shall forfeyte and paye for every suche whole peece of Fustyan Sixe Shillinges Eighte Pence And for every suche halfe peece Three Shillinges Fower Pence of lawfull Englyshe money And it is further ordered by these presentes That yf any personne or personnes keepinge eyther Dye howse or kallenderinge howsse within the saide Citie of London the Suburbs of the same and within suche cyrcuite or other places as by the lawes of the Realme the sayde Company are pryvyledged or aucthoryzed at any tyme or

tymes heareafter doo deny and resiste the sayde Master and Wardenes of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers for the tyme beinge or any of them or theyr sufficient Deputye or Deputyes in that behalfe to be appoynted to searche within theyr howses warehowses or other place for any suche defaults That then every personne or personnes so offendinge shall forfeyt and paye the Somme of Fyve Markes of lawfull Englyshe money for every suche offence.

An Ordynaunce for the Clerke of the Company to make all the Indentures.

38. An Ordinaunce for the Clerke of ye Company to make all ye Indentures.

Item It is ordayned that the Clerk appoynted or hereafter to be appoynted for the sayde Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers for the tyme beinge shall have the makinge of all the Indentures for all Apprentices of any Freemen or any othe^r personne of the sayd Arte or Mystery or any other persoñe usyng or exercizinge the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers within the precinctes aforsayde the same Indentures to be made and written in Englishe and the same Indentures not to be made els where or by any other personne And for the makinge of every payer of the same Indentures to be payde by the Master of every suche Apprentice to the saide Clerk Twelve Pence of lawfull money of Englande and not above And if any of the sayde personnes shall make or cause to be made any Indentures els where or otherwyse Then he or they to forfeyte and paye to the Master and Wardenes for the tyme beinge to the use of the Company and Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers the sōme of Twentye Shillings of like lawfull money of Englande for every such offence.

An Ordynaunce that every personne uppon his admyssion into the Company shalbe sworne.

39. An Ordinaunce yt everie personn upon his admission into the Company to be sworne.

Item It is ordayned and ordered that every personne and personnes which shalbe at any tyme hereafter admytted and receyved to the sayd Company or Fellowshippe of the sayd Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers either by composition redemption or service or by any other wayes or meanes whatsoever Shall at the tyme of his or theyr admission take a Corporall Othe uppon the Holy Evangeliste before the Master and Wardenes of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe or some of them for the tyme beinge in theyr Common Halle in suche manner and forme as by the Othe hereafter appoynted for that purpose is expressed And yf any suche personne shall refuze to take his Othe in forme aforesayde Then he or they so refuzinge shalbe rejected expulsed and put off frome beinge of the sayd Company or Fellowshipp And shall

no more be suffered to occupye the sayde Arte or Mystery or any thinge thereunto appertayninge within the sayde Citie of London and Suburbs of the same or within suche Circuite or any other place or places as by the lawes of the Realme the sayde Company are pryvyledged or aucthorized to rule and governe But shalbe reputed deemede and taken as a meere Straunger or Forrener.

An Ordinaunce for every personne to be contributorye to the chardges of the Company.

40. An Ordinaunce for everie person to be contributarie to the chardges of the Company.

Item It is ordered ordayned and established that yf any personne or personnes nowe beinge of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of Clotheworkers Or that hereafter shalbe admytted or allowed into the same Fellowshippe or Company doo or shall refuze and deny to beare and paye his or theyr reasonable parts porsions contributions taxations and assessements of suche duties and charges as shalbe at any tyme hereafter assessed and rated by the Master Wardenes and Assistaunts of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe for the tyme beinge or the more parte of them to be payde and levyed for and towards any necessary service of oure Soveraigne Lady the Queenes Majestie her heyres and successours as also for the affayres busynes or needefull occasion which shall concern the comon utility proffitt or mayntaynaunce of the sayd Company or Fellowshipp for the tyme beinge That then the personne or personnes so refuzinge for every suche offence shall forfeyte and pay such reasonnable some and sommes of money as to the Mr Wardens and Assistants or the more parte of them shalbe thoughte meete and convenyent so yt exceede not the some of Tenne Poundes.

An Ordynaunce that no personn of the Company shall worke on the Sabothe daye.

41. An Ordinaunce that no person of ye Company shall worke on the Sabaothe daie.

Item It is ordayned establyshed and decreed that yf any personne or personnes of the sayd Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers doe worke or set on worke or procure any personne or personnes to worke on the Saboth daye commonly called Sonneday unlesse it be for settinge and dryinge Then he or they which shall so doe or cause or procure to be donne shall for every tyme soe offendinge forfett and paye to the Master and Wardenes of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe for the tyme beinge the somme of Three Shillinges Foure Pence.

An Ordynaunce

An Ordynaunce that the Master and Wardenes may take in any personne in [*sic*] by redemption.

42. An Ordinaunce y^t ye Master and Wardennes maye take in any personne by redemption.

Item It is ordered ordayned and establyshed that frome hence forthe it may be lawfull to the Master Wardenes and Assistauntes of the saide Company or Fellowshippe or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge withoute any consent or assent of any other of the saide Fellowshipp to receyve and take from tyme to tyme and at all tymes hereafter into their Compayny or Fellowshippe by waye of Composition suche personne or personnes as to them shall seeme meete and convenyent to be a Brother or Freeman of the saide Company or Fellowshippe of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers And for such reasonable somme or sommes of money as by the discretions of the said Master Wardenes and Assistauntes of the sayd Company or Fellowshipp or the more parte of them shalbe thoughte meete and convenyent.

An Ordynaunce for all Apprentices to be bounde within one moneth and presented after.

43. An Ordinaunce for all apprentices to be bounde within one moneth and presented after.

Item It is ordered ordayned and establyshed that frome henceforth every houshoulder or occupyer of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers within the sayde Citie or Suburbs of the same or w^th^in suche circuite or other places as by the lawes of the Realme the sayde Company are pryvyledged or aucthorized that doth or shall at any tyme take receyve or r[e]tayne any personne or personnes to be his apprentice or apprentices uppon likinge or otherwise shall within one moneth then nexte followinge bynde the same apprentice by Indenture And the apprentice to be broughte to the Common Hall before the Master Wardenes or some of them there for the tyme beinge and there to enter and recorde the sayde apprentice name and the title of his Indenture in a Lieger Booke there And also within one moneth after that shall presente and enroll or cause to be presented and enrolled the Indenture of the sayde apprentice or apprentices before the Chamberlayne of London or his Deputie accordinge to the usage and custome of the sayde Citie of London And lykewyse when the same apprentic[e] shall have served the full terme of yeares accordinge to his saide Indentures Then shall the Master of the saide apprentice for the tyme beinge bringe forth the sayde apprentice before the Master and Wardenes of the same Company or some of them And then and there to declare recorde and enter that the saide apprentice

hath trulye and fullye served all and everye yeare contayned in the same Indenture Uppon payne that every personne or personnes so offendinge in any poynte contrary to the true meaninge of this Ordynaunce shall forfett and paye the somme of Twentye Shillinges of lawfull Englyshe money for every suche offence.

An Ordynaunce that none shall entice awaye an other mannes servaunte.

44. An Ordinaunce that none shall entice awaie an other mannes servaunte.

Item It is ordayned that no manner of person or persones whatsoever he or they be of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers shall entice or allure away any manner of servaunt beinge man boye jorneyman or apprentice from his or theyr Master or Mystresse service before the ende and terme of hys or theyr service agreed uppon be expired excepte the same man boye jorneyman or apprentice be lawfully dischardged from his Master and Mystresse service or have before warninge to departe frome the said service of hym or her unto whome he was retayned Uppon payne that every person so offendinge shall forfeit and paye for every suche offence suche severall fyne or sommes of money as by the dyscretion of the sayde Master Wardenes and Assistaunts of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers for the tyme beinge or the moste parte of them shalbe thoughte meete and convenyent so as it doe not exceede the some of Fortie Shillinges.

An Ordynaunce for the Master of the Company in dyvers respectes to substitute a Deputie.

45. An Ordinaunce for the Master of the Company in divers respectes to substitute a Deputie.

Item Forasmuche as the Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers maye happen at sometymes hereafter to choose and electe such personne to be the Master of the same Company or Fellowshippe as either by reason of sicknes or els by affayrs of ymportaunce as well in dyvers parts on this syde the seas as in dyvers partes beyonde the seas may be often letted or hindered from beinge contynuall attendaunte uppon his sayde office and allwaies residente amongeste the sayde Company or Fellowshipp for the better governemente and more due execution of the sayde office It is therefore ordered ordayned and decreed that everye Master of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers for the tyme beinge may in such respecte as necessitie shall require with the assente of some of the Wardenes and some of the Assistauntes for the tyme being assigne and appoynte one of the gravest and most aunciente Assistaunts of the same Companye or Fellowshipe of Clotheworkers to be

his deputy and substitute to supplye in his absence the office of beinge Master of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp And further it is ordayned that it shall and may be lawfull for every suche deputie or substitute soe beinge assigned and appoynted as aforsayde to execute doe and performe at all and every tyme and tymes hereafter in the absence of the Master for the tyme beinge all and every thinge and thinges whatsoever which by reasonne of the Ordynaunces in this Booke contayned shall concerne or appertayne to the office of the Master of the sayde Compayny or Fellowshippe in as lardge lawfull and ample manner and forme to all intents and purposes as if the sayde Master of the saide Company or Fellowshippe were hymselfe in personne presente any thinge in these p'sente Ordynaunces contayned to the contrary notwithstandinge.

An Ordynaunce for controversies to be decyded by the Master Wardenes and Assistauntes.

46. An Ordinaunce for controversies to be decided by the Master Wardennes and Assistauntes.

Item It is ordayned ordered and establyshed that frome henceforthe yf any dyscorde stryfe or debate at any tyme hereafter shall fortune to happen for any cause or matter whatsoever it be betwyxte one houshoulder and an other or howshoulders and others of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of Clotheworkers or betweene them or any of theyr jorneymen servingmen or apprentices or betweene any of the aforesayde persoñes or any others of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers which without prejudice of the lawes of the Realme may be appeased and reformed by good and wyse meanes That then the sayde parties before they move or attempte by course of lawe any suite betweene them or one agaynste the other in that behalfe shall firste shewe theyr matter and cause of theyr greefe with the circumstaunces of the same to the Master and Wardenes of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers for the tyme beinge or some of them to thintente y^t by theyr good dyscretions some quiet order and good ende may be taken therin to the satisfaction of such parties and by their assent accordinge to righte and equitie in eschewinge of further trouble and suite of lawe And yf it shall seeme to ye saide Master and Wardenes or the more parte of them that the matter is difficulte and beyonde their reache to ende and determyne the same for lacke of better understandinge of the lawes of the Realme or the customes of ye saide Citie of London That then any of the said partyes soe greeved as aforesayde maye take theyr remedy one agaynste the other by order of lawe without any further licence to be obtayned and had at the handes of ye saide Master and Wardens or any of them in that behalfe But yf the said Master and Wardens or

the more parte of them for the tyme beinge shall ende and determyne any cause matter or thinge betweene any of the sayde parties in forme aforesaide by assent of the parties and yet neverthelesse the saide person or persoñes havinge any matter or cause ended before them will afterwards prosecute and followe suite in lawe the one agaynst the other without lycence had and obtayned in that behalfe soe to doe of the sayde Master and Wardens for the tyme beinge or the more parte of them Then the person so offending shall forfett and pay the sōme of Forty Shillings of lawfull Englishe money at the least or a greter sōme suche as shalbe thoughte meete and reasonable by ye saide Master Wardens and Assistaunts or the more parte of them accordinge to the greatnes of the matter or cause in controversie betweene them so it exceede not the some of Twenty Poundes.

An Ordynaunce that none shall take apprentices but howshoulders admytted.

47. An Ordinaunce that none shall take apprentices but housholder admitted.

Item be yt ordayned that no Jorneyman or any other person or persoñes of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers (excepte he be admytted or allowed for an houshoulder by the sayd Master Wardens and Assistants or the more parte of them for the time beinge) shall frome henceforth take any apprentice either bounde unto him or sett over unto hym Upon payne y^t every person so offendinge shall forfett and paye the sōme of Forty Shillings of lawfull Englishe money for every suche offence.

An Ordynaunce to avoyde mysrule of servaunts upon the Sabothe dayes and Holye daies.

48. An Ordinaunce to avoyde misrule of servauntes uppon the Saboth daies and holy-daies.

Item forasmuch as there hath byne and y^t there is at this tyme greate disorde[r] and abuse as well amongest the Apprentices as Jorneymen of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers in hauntinge and frequentinge of Tavernes Ale-houses and Plaies and such lyke places of evill rule and dysorder and in usinge of unlawfull games and plaies in the fieldes and in their masters howses uppon the Saboth dayes and Holy days for that there be very fewe that governe their servaunts as they oughte to be governed the very roote of many notable inconvenyences in the common wealth For reformation whereof It is ordered ordayned and established That frome henceforth every houshoulder of the sayd Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers shall have and use a diligent care and heede to see his apprentices and jorneymen to goe to the Churche and heare devyne service or to some other place where Gods worde is and shalbe preached at due tymes of the day

and also to spende the reste of the same Sondayes and Holy dayes in some honest and lawfull exercises with their masters lycence And not in hauntinge of Ale-houses Tavernes Plaies unlawfull games or such like Upon payne that every houshoulder so offendinge contrary to this Ordynaunce shall forfett and pay for every suche offence the some of Tenne Shillings of lawfull Englishe money and every Jorneyman for every such offence Two Shillings And it is further ordered that every apprentice offendinge contrary to this Ordynaunce shall receyve such convenient punishement by ymprysonment as shalbe thought meete by the discretion of the Master and Wardens of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp for ye tyme beinge so it doe not exceede Twoo dayes ymprisonment to the example of others in like case offendinge.

An Ordynaunce that ye Apprentices of men of other Companyes usinge Clotheworkinge to be bounde to one of ye Company of Clotheworkers.

49. An Ordinaunce y^t^ ye apprentices of men of other Companies usinge Clotheworkinge to be bounde to one of the Clotheworkers Company.

Item It is ordered ordayned and established that all such person or persons within the Citie of London or Suburbs of the same or within such circuite or other places as by the lawes of the Realme the sayde Company are pryvyledged or aucthorized as doe or shall occupie Rowinge at the Pearche Shearinge with the Brode Sheare or Cottoninge beinge free of any other Arte Crafte or Mystery then of the sayd Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers shall not frome henceforth take any apprentice either to Rowe Sheare with the Brode Shære or Cotton But that the same apprentice be firste bounde to one of the Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers and to be lykewyse enrolled and then ymmedyatly after to be brought to the Chamber of London before the Chamberlayne or Under Chamberlayne and there by ye Clotheworker that ye same apprentice is bounde unto to be sett over to y^t^ other person of the other Fellowshipp of what Fellowshipp soever he be to serve out his yeares withall and at the ende of the yeares the same apprentice or apprentices shalbe presented before the Master and Wardens of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers at their Common Hall to be examyned of his service and continuance in the same and by those of the handycrafte of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers lykewyse of his workemanshipp and also whether he have duely served and contynued for his whole time as an apprentice according to the use and custome of the saide Arte or Mystery and to be sworne before the sayde Master and Wardens or some of them in theyr Common Hall accordinge to the Othe in that case provided And then and there to laye downe and pay for his admyssion and allowance Twoo Shillings and Sixe Pence And after that his said Master with ye said Master and Wardens or one of them shall presente

ye same apprentice before the saide Chamberlayne or his Deputie for the tyme beinge And therupon shall cause him to be admytted into the Franchise of the sayd Citie and into the Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers and els not nor otherwyse to be presented Upon payne that every master of suche apprentice doing the contrary shall forfett and paye the some of Tenne Pounds of lawfull monye of Englande for every such offence The one moytie therof to be to the use of ye Chamber of London The other moytie to be bestowed and employede to the use & common utility of the Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers.

An Ordinaunce for none to joyne in partenershipp excepte ye one be olde or a widowe.

50. An Ordinaunce for none to joyne in partenershipp excepte the one be olde or a widdowe.

Item it is ordered ordayned and established that noe personne or personnes being of the sayd Fellowshipp of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers using the handycrafte at any tyme hearafter frome henceforth shall joyne togeather or joinctly occupy with any other personne of the same Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers nor with any other usinge the sayd handycrafte as parteners (excepte) the one of them be of greate yeares or have some other ympedyment by meanes whereof he cannot oversee his worke as before hee hath done Or with a wydowe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers to supplye her want in teaching overseeing and enstructinge of her apprentices and servaunts And that only to be by lycence and with consente of the Master Wardens and Assistants or the more parte of them and not otherwyse Uppon payne that every personne so offendinge shall forfett and pay for everye tyme so offendinge The some of Twenty Poundes of lawfull money of Englande.

An Ordynaunce for the apprentices of the dead to be ordered by the Master and Wardens.

51. An Ordinaunce for ye apprentice of the deade to be ordered by the Master and Wardennes.

Item it is ordered ordayned and establishede that from tyme to tyme at any tyme hereafter when any houshoulder of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clothworkers shall fortune to decease having apprentice or apprentices and shall make his wife or any other of an other Arte Crafte or Mystery his executor or executors That then it shalbe lawfull to the said Master and Wardenes of the sayd Arte or Mystery of Clothworkers for the tyme beinge or some of them to take all those aprentices and to bringe them to their Common Hall and there by theyre dyscretions to sett the sayde aprentices over to some other men of the sayd Arte or Mistery to serve out their yeares that they have to serve without any further trouble to

ensue thereby Provided allwaies that yf the wiefe of any partie as aforesaide deceased dooe marry one of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers or doe keepe herselfe widowe still and occupye the said Arte and Mystery That then she shall and maye retayne and keepe still ye same apprentice or apprentices to serve her or her husband in the same Arte or Mystery of Clothworkers So allwayes as the sayde Wydowe doe provide that the sayd apprentices and all other apprentices and servaunts which she shall retayne and keepe may be sufficientely taughte theyre occupation as may be well allowed of by the saide Master and Wardenes of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers.

An Ordynaunce for none to sett upp howse before he be worth Tenne Poundes and therto admytted.

52. An Ordinaunce for none to sett up house before hee be worth Tenne Pounds and thereto admitted.

Item It is ordayned that no personne or personnes of the sayd Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers being a Jorneymann nor no Apprentice beinge late come forth of his yeares shall presume to sett upp howse or to take in any worke to his owne use and behoufe befor he shalbe firste thoughte and adjudged to be worth of his owne proper goodes the somme of Tenne Poundes by the Master Wardenes and Assistauntes of the sayd Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers or the more parte of them uppon the credible reporte of the Wardenes of the Yomanrye for the tyme beinge Uppon payne to forfette and paye the somme of Fyve Poundes of lawfull Englishe money for every such offence And every personne enhabled and admytted to be an howshoulder as aforesaide shall pay at his sayde admyssyon to the Master and Wardenes of the Compayny or Fellowshippe of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers the somme of Tenne Shillinges of lawfull Englishe money to be employed to the mayntaynaunce of the Common Stayres of the said Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mistery of Clotheworkers And Twelve Pence to be equally devyded betweene the Clerke and the Twoe Bedells of the sayde Companye.

An Ordynaunce for no howshoulder to sett an Apprentice on worke after his terme expired before he be allowed.

53. An Ordinaunce for no housholder to sett an apprentice on worke after his terme expired beforehee be allowed.

Item It is ordayned and established that no howshoulder of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers shall or may gyve to any apprentice ymedyatly after the expiration of the terme of his Indenture any manner of wages untill the sayde apprentice be by his Master that he was apprentice withall firste presented at the Comon Hall of the saide Company or Fellowshipp of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers before the Master and Wardens

And it is further ordered that every apprentice of every handycraftes man so presented shalbe then appoynted by the Master and Wardenes or some of them to some honest and good workeman of that Arte wherin the apprentice hathe byne broughte uppe to be assayd by the space of sixe or eighte dayes at the leaste whether he be a good workeman and can his occupation sufficiently well and perfectly or no And yf he be founde a sufficiente workeman then to be admitted to worke by Jorneyworke and to take wages accordinge to the custome and manner of the sayde Arte or Mystery But yf he shall not be founde a sufficiente workeman Then the Master and Wardens shall appoynte hym to worke with some other sufficiente workeman of ye sayd Company or Fellowshipp by yeare or by the weeke untill he can sufficiently & perfectly his occupation And shall also assigne him what wages he shall take And what master that doth not presente his apprentice under this manner or any howshoulder that will presume to sett any apprentice on worke contrary to this Ordynaunce shall forfett and paye the Some of Twenty Shillings of lawfull Englysh money for every such offence.

An Ordynaunce that none shall have but Twoe apprentices at one tyme excepte he keepe one Jorneyman.

54. An Ordinaunce y^t none shall have but twoe apprentices at one time excepte hee keepe one Jorneyman.

Item It is ordayned that from henceforthe noe housholder of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers shall take any moe apprentices eyther to sheare with the brode sheare or to rowe at the pearche or to cotton or to worke any other handyworke but only Twoe at once excepte he dooe keepe from yeare to yeare one Jornyeman And soe dooinge he may keepe Three Apprentices accordinge to the Statute or more in such order as the Statute doeth allowe and permytt and not otherwyse Uppon payne that every personne so offendinge shall forfett and paye for every suche offence the somme of Twenty Shillyngs of lawfull Englyshe money.

An Ordynaunce for none to lende out his Apprentice to worke with any other.

55. An Ordinaunce for none to lende out his apprentice to worke with any other.

Item It is ordayned ordered and established that noe housholder of the sayde Ante [*sic*] or Mystery of Clotheworkers for his pryvate commodytye shall put out or lende forthe any of his apprentices to worke with any other personne of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers to the hindraunce or takinge awaye of the lyvinge of suche personnes as be free Jorneymen of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers Uppon payne that every personne so offendinge

shall forfett and paye the somme of Sixe Shillinges Eighte Pence of lawfull Englishe money for every such offence.

An Ordynaunce for none to lende out their apprentices to beare Burthenes.

56. An Ordinaunce for none to lende out theyr apprentices to beare burthennes.

Item It is ordayned ordered and establyshed That lykewyse from henceforthe noe housholder of the sayde Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers shall lende oute any of theyr apprentices to any personne whatsoever to beare any burthen or to carrye any wares or marchandizes from place to place or to beare any Bucke of Clothes to be carryed to or frome the Thames or other places or to fetch water for other menn for that there are dyvers Porters Waterbearers and others allowed by the custome and order of the Citie in respecte of their povertye to relyve themselves and to live thereby Uppon payne that every housholder for everye offence so offendinge shall forfett and paye the somme of Six Shillinges and Eighte Pence of lawfull Englishe money.

An Ordynaunce for noe Marchaunte Straunger or Englishe to sett any Forrener to worke in theyr houses to Tack Fowlde Muster or Cancell Clothes.

57. An Ordinaunce for no marchan-stranger or Englishe to sett any foreyner to woorke in their houses to tacke foulde muster or cancell clothes.

Item It is ordayned ordered and established that frome henceforth no mãner of Marchauntes straungers or alienes nor any other Englishe Marchaunte not being free of the Citye of London shall sett on worke within theyr places houses warehowses or any other secrett or oppen places any manner of Forreyne or Forreyners Straunger or Straungers borne out of the Queenes Majesties obeysaunce or any others whatsoever usinge the Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers eyther to foulde tacke muster or cancell any manner or kinde of Wollen Clothes made within this Realme But that the Master and Wardenes of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers after knowlege therof to them gyven with the Chamberlayne of London for the tyme beinge or his Deputy in his absence shall and may have full power and aucthoritye to enter into every suche Marchauntes place howsse warehowsse or other secrete or open place And all suche Clothes Kersayes Bayes Cottonnes and Dozens of what conditione soever it be soe made within the Realme there founde soe to be dressed and wroughte maye lawfully take and beare awaye to theyr Common Hall there throughly to be seene and perused and that every Marchaunte as aforesayde so offendinge shall forfett and paye the somme of Tenne Poundes of lawfull Englishe money The one moytye thereof to be to the use and benefitte of the Chamber of London and the other moytie to be

ymployed to the proffitt and common utilitye of the Companye or Fellowshippe of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers And then to have theyr clothes backe agayne unlesse there be further cause of greater forfeture or further fyne And it is further also ordered by these presents That everye persoñe and personnes of the sayde Companye or Fellowshippe of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers as aforesayde eyther fouldinge tackinge musteringe or cancellinge any manner or kynde of Wollen Clothes made within this Realme in any of the sayde Marchaunts places howses warehouses or any other secrete or open places as aforesaide shall forfett and paye for every suche offence the some of Fortye Shillinges of lawfull Englishe money The one moytye thereof to the use and benefitte of the Chamber of London and the other moytye to be ymployed to the proffitte and common utilitye of the Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers.

An Ordynaunce for every newe howsholder in the Twooe firste yeares to have but One Apprentice.

58. An Ordinaunce for everie newe houshoulder in the Twoe firste yeares to have but one Apprentice.

Item it is ordered and constituted that frome henceforthe noe personne of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers beinge admytted an housholder and usinge the handycrafte of the sayde Arte or Mystery shall within the space of Twooe yeares next after his firste settinge upp of howse entertayne have or take or have in his service any more apprentices then onlye one at one tyme Uppon payne that every personne so offendinge shall forfette and paye the somme of Fortye Shillinges of lawfull Englishe money for every suche offence.

An Ordynaunce for the Indentures of Apprentices runnynge awaye to be broughte to the Hall.

59. An Ordinaunce for the Indentures of Apprentices runninge awaie to be broughte to the Hall.

Item it is ordered ordayned and established That from henceforth when any apprentice or apprentices shall goe or runne awaye or absente him or themselves from his or theyr Master or Mystres service The Master or Mystres of every suche apprentice soe gone or runne awaye or absente shall at some Courte to be houlden within one monethe after such departure bringe to the Common Hall of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers the Indentures of every suche Apprentice soe gone awaye to the intente the daye of his departure maye be entered and registered uppon the same Indenture And likewyse that afterwardes when any suche Apprentice shall come or be broughte

agayne to his sayde Master or Mystres the same apprentice shalbe by his sayde Master or Mystres broughte to the sayde Common Hall at some Court to be holden within one monneth after his sayde returne or comynge agayne before the Master and Wardens for the tyme beinge At which tyme the cause of his departure maye be examyned the offence punnyshed and further order takene for the residue of his service accordinge to the discretions of the saide Master and Wardens for the tyme beinge Soe that no abuse be had aboute his freedome thereafter Uppon payne that every suche Master or Mystres offendinge contrary to the tenore of this Ordynaunce shall for every suche offence forfett and paye the somme of Twentye Shillinges of lawfull Englishe money.

An Ordynaunce that every Master Wardene or Assistaunt usinge the handycrafte maye keepe three Apprentices.

60. An Ordinaunce that everie Master Warden or Assistaunte usinge the handicrafte may keepe three Apprentices.

Item it is ordayned and established that it shall and maye be lawfull for every one beinge Master Wardene or Assistaunte of the sayde Company of Clotheworkers or that heretofore hath byne Master Warden or Assistaunte of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe and likewyse for everye one that hereafter shalbe Master Wardene or Assistaunte of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of Clotheworkers and shall occupye the handycrafte of Clotheworkinge to have and keepe Three apprentices a peece at one tyme and not above Uppon payne that everye one that doth or shall offende contrary to the true meaninge of this Ordynaunce shall forfette and paye for every suche offence the some of Fortye Shillinges of lawfull money of Englande.

An Ordynaunce that none of the Company shall sett over his Apprentice to any Forrener without lycence.

61. An Ordinaunce that none of the Company shall set over his Apprentice to any forener w'out licence.

Item it is ordayned that noe persoñe or personnes of the sayde Compaynye or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers shall from henceforthe sett over any personne or personnes beinge once bounde to be his or theyr apprentice unto any other personne not beinge of the sayde Crafte or Mystery of Clotheworkers usinge any other occupacon or handycrafte then the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers without the consente and agreemente of the said Master Wardenes and Assistauntes or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge Uppon payne to forfette and paye for every suche offence such reasonable fyne or

somme of money as by the discretion of the saide Master and Wardenes of the Companye or Fellowshippe of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers or the most parte of them shalbe thoughte meete and convenyent so as it do not exceede the somme of Fyve Poundes.

An Ordynaunce for every personne to appeare uppon his warninge Uppon a payne.

62. An Ordinaunce for everie personne to appeare uppon his warning uppon a payne.

Item it is ordayned that every personne or personnes of the Companye or Fellowshipp of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers and everye other personne or personnes usinge or occupyinge the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers and being free thereof inhabitinge within the saide Cittye of London and Suburbs of the same or within suche cyrcuite or other places as by the lawes of the Realme the saide Company are pryvyledged or aucthoryzed shall uppon reasonnable warnynge gyven by the Bedell of the saide Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers come to every assemblie and meetinge at suche daie hower and tyme as shalbe appoynted for any affayres or busynes to be done concerninge the sayd Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers Uppon payne that every Assistante of the sayd Compayny or Fellowshippe so faylynge or myssinge shall for everye suche offence forfett and paye Twelve Pence of lawfull Englyshe money And everye other persoñ or personnes of the sayde Companye or Fellowshippe not beinge Master Warden or Assistaunte for every suche lyke offence Eighte Pence w^th^out a lawfull excuse.

An Ordynaunce for punnyshing of suche as shalbe obstynate and unrulye.

63. An Ordynaunce for punnishinge of suche as shalbe obstinate and unrulie.

Item it is ordered ordayned and establyshed that everye personne and personnes of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers or any other personne or personnes usinge or beinge free of the saide Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers inhabitinge or dwellinge within the sayde Citie of London or Suburbs of the same or within such circuite or other places as by the lawes of the Realme the sayd Company are priviledged or aucthorized shalbe of good and honest behavyoure and bearinge as well in their woordes as in theyre deedes towards the Master Wardenes and Assistauntes of the sayde Arte or Mysterye of Clothworkers and be and shewe him and themselves tractable confirmable and obedient towching all and everye theyr lawfull constitucions ordynaunces cawses and

matters towchinge the sayde Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers And yf any personne or personnes of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers or any other usinge or exercisinge the sayde Arte or Mystery within the sayde Citie of London the Suburbs of the same or within such circuite or other places as by the lawes of the Realme the sayde Companye are priviledged or aucthorized shall at any tyme hereafter be founde wilfull obstynate or dysobeydiente agaynste the saide Master Wardens and Assistauntes or any of them to the lett hindraunce or dysturbance of the due execution of any of their offices Or yf any personne or personnes of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers doe or shall take uppon hym or them to make any pryvye assemblie councell or secrett conventicles or attempte agaynste the sayde Master Wardenes and Assistauntes or any of them for the tyme beinge for or to the vyolation or breache of any Rule Ordynaunce or Order nowe beinge or hereafter to be by them all or the more parte of them had made and devysed for the good governemente of the saide Companye or Fellowshipp of the saide Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers That then the same personne or personnes so offendinge shall forfett and paye such reasonable some or sommes of money as shalbe assessed uppon him or them so offendinge by the saide Master Wardenes and Assistauntes or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge So it exceede not the Somme of Fyve Poundes.

An Ordynaunce That none of the Company shall use any undecente fowle or uncomlye speaches or woordes of slaunder to the Master or Wardenes of the Companye.

64. An Ordinaunce that none of the Companie shall use any undecent fowle or uncomelie speaches or wordes of slaunder to the Master or Wardennes of the Companye.

Item it is ordered ordayned and establyshed that yf any persone or personnes beinge of the sayde Companye or Fellowshippe of Clotheworkers as aforesayde or usinge the same Arte or Mysterye shall with any undecente fowle or uncomelye speaches reprove mysuse threaten or slaunder the Master Wardenes and Assistaunts of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe or any of them for the tyme beinge or shall in any wyse unjustlye or wrongefully practize or attempte any thinge which may be slaunderous or hurtefull to the sayde Master Wardenes and Assistauntes or any of them That then every suche personne and personnes so offendinge shall forfett and paye for everye suche offence suche somme and sommes of money as shalbe assessed uppon him or them so offendinge by the saide Master Wardenes and Assistauntes or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge accordinge to the quality of the offence So

yt exceede not the somme of Fyve Poundes for every suche offence And yf any personne or personnes so offendinge be not able to paye the sayde Fyne of Fyve Poundes then he shalbe punnyshed by the dyscretion of the saide Master Wardenes and Assistauntes or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge So that the tyme of his ymprysonmente exceede not Fowerteene dayes.

An Ordynaunce that none of the Companye shall doe the lyke as aforesaide to any inferyour personne of the sayde Company.

65. An Ordinaunce yt none of ye Company shall doe ye like as aforesaide to anye inferior person of ye saide Company.

Item it is lykewyse ordered that yf any persoñe or personnes beinge of the sayde Companye or Fellowshippe of Clotheworkers as aforesaide or occupieinge or usinge the sayde Arte or Mysterye shall with any undecente fowle or uncomely speaches reprove mysuse or slaunder any inferyor personne or personnes of the sayde Company or Fellowship to the sayde Master Wardenes and Assistauntes in th'Ordynaunce last afore recyted or shall in any wyse unjustely or wrongfullie practize or attempte any thinge which maye be slaunderous or hurtefull to anye of them That then every such personne and personnes so offendinge shall forfett and paye for every suche offence suche somme and sommes of money as shalbe assessed uppon hym or them so offendinge by the sayde Master Wardenes and Assistauntes or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge accordinge to the qualitye of the same fawlte So it exceede not the somme of Fortye Shillinges.

An Ordynaunce That none of the Compa[n]ye shall stryke make an assaulte or an affraye uppon any of the same Companye.

66. An Ordinaunce that none of the Company shall strike make an assaulte or an affraye upon any of the same Companye.

Item it is ordayned ordered and establyshed that yf any persone or personnes beinge free of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe as aforesayde or which shall use the same Arte or Mysterye shall stryke or make any assaulte or affraye or use any vyolence in fightinge or quarrellinge towards any of the same Company or Fellowshippe And the same so duely proved agaynste him or them by the testymony of one or twoe honest wi[t]nesses before the Master Wardenes and Sixteene of the Assistauntes at the leaste for the tyme beinge That then the same personne or personnes so offendinge shall forfett and paye suche reasonnable somme and somes of money as shalbe assessed uppon hym or them so offendinge by the sayde Master Wardeñes and Assistauntes or the more

parte of them for the tyme beinge So as yt exceed not the somme of Twenty Shillynges for any one offence And yf any personne or personnes so offendinge be not able to paye the saide fyne of Twentye Shillings then he shalbe punnyshed by Corporall ymprysonment by the dyscretion of the Master Wardenes and Assistauntes or the more parte of them for the tyme Soe that the tyme of his Imprisonmente exceede not Fyve dayes.

An Ordynaunce that everye Jorneyman and Servingeman shalbe of good behavyoure and keepe good order.

67. An Ordinaunce that everie Jorneyman and Servingman shalbe of good behaviour and keepe good order.

Item it is further ordayned and established That all manner of Jorneymen or Servingemen of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clothworkers and every of them from henceforth shalbe of good rule and demeanure towardes the sayde Master Wardenes and Fellowshipp of the sayde Art or Mysterye of Clotheworkers And shall not make any unlawfull Assemblyes Brotherhoodes Congregations or Flockinge togeather or use any unlawfull Games or Playes as Dyce Cardes Tables Cloysshe Kayles or any other suche lyke eyther within the sayde Citye of London or Francheses of the same or in any other place for eschewinge of such inconvenyences ryottes or troubles as in former tyme hath rysen comme or growne of lyke inconvenience Uppon payne that everye Servingeman or Jorneyman so offendinge shall forfett and paye the Some of Thirteene Shillinges Fower Pence of lawfull Englyshe money for everye suche offence And in defawlte of paymente thereof That then noe personne of the sayde Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers beinge warned thereof by anye of the Bedells of the same Companye shall sett any suche personne on worke without licence of the sayde Master and Wardenes of the sayde Companye or Fellowshipp of Clotheworkers Uppon payne to forfett and paye the somme of Twentye Shillinges of lawfull Englyshe money for everye suche offence.

An Ordynaunce for none to resiste the Master and Wardeñes in theyr Searche.

68. An Ordinaunce for none to resist the Master and Wardennes in their searche.

Item it is ordayned that yf any personne or personnes usinge or occupyinge the sayde Art or Mysterye of Clotheworkers or any thinge appertayninge to the sayde Arte or Mysterye beinge Free of the saide Mysterye Shall at anye tyme or tymes hereafter wilfullye refuze to suffer the sayde Master Wardenes and Assistauntes or anye of them to enter into theyr Howse or Howses Boothe or Boothes Shoppe or Shoppes Cellers or Warehowses to make searche as aforesayde or

shall wilfullye resiste them or any of them or any of the Queenes Majesties officers broughte by them to doe or execute theyre office in that behalfe That then everye suche personne or personnes so refuzinge or resistinge shall forfett and paye suche reasonable Somme or Sommes of money as by the dyscretion of the sayde Master Wardenes and Assistauntes of the sayde Companye or Fellowshipp of Clotheworkers for the tyme beinge or the most parte of them shalbe thoughte meete and convenyent So yt exceede not the somme of Three Poundes Sixe Shillinges Eyghte Pence.

An Ordynaunce for everye personne Englishe Aliante Denizon or Forreyner within the Cittye or Three myles compasse usinge the Arte and Mysterye of Clotheworkynge to be contributorie to the Chardges of the Company.

69. An Ordinaunce for everie personne Englishe Allyante Denizon or Forener within the Citie or Three miles Compasse usinge the Arte and Misterie of Clotheworkinge to be contributorie to the charges of the Companye.

Item it is ordayned That everye personne and personnes as well Englyshe as Aliantes Denyzones or Forreyners dwellinge within the sayde Citye of London and Suburbs of the same or within suche Circuite or othe[r] places as by the lawes of the Realme the sayde Companye are lawfully pryvyledged or aucthorized and aswell within places pryvyledged and exempte as not pryvyledge nor exempte that doth or shall hereafter use or exercize the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers or any thinge appertayninge therunto not beinge Free of the sayde Companye or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers shalbe contributorie beare and paye unto the sayde Master Wardenes and Assistaunts all suche reasonnable somme and sommes of money for Taxes Tallages and other Ympositions aswell ordynarye as extraordynarye as shalbe thoughte good and reasonable to be assessed uppon hym or them by the Master Wardenes and Assistauntes of the sayde Companye or Fellowshipp of ye sayd Arte or Mysterye or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge as well for the necessarye service of oure Soveraigne Ladye the Queenes Majestie her heyres and successors as for all and everye other affayres causes and thynges whatsoever of and for the Common state or Wealth of the sayde Cittye in suche manner and sorte even as the Freemen of the same Company or Fellowshippe of Clotheworkers and other Companyes of the sayde Citye frome tyme to tyme are and shalbe charged and accordinge to theyr habilities And everye one that shall wilfullye refuze to paye and dischardge the same portion of money which shalbe so reasonablye assessed taxed or rated uppon hym shall forfett and paye Tenne Shillinges of lawfull money of Englande for everye suche offence.

An Ordynaunce that noe Forryner usinge the sayde Mystery shall keepe above Twoe Apprentices at the moste and those Apprentizes to be borne within the Queenes Dominiones.

70. An Ordinaunce that no foreyner usinge the saide Misterie shall keepe above twoe Apprentices at the moste And those apprentices to be borne within the Queenes Dominions.

Item it is ordayned ordered and established that no Alyene or Forryner usinge any of the sayd Mysteryes shall take or keepe any more Apprentices then Twoe at one tyme And that the same Apprentices shalbe borne within the Queenes Majesties domynyones And to paye to the sayde Companye for the admyttynge of everye Apprentice Twoe Shillinges and Six Pence of lawfull money of Englande as the Freemen doe for theyr Apprentices And everye one that offendethe agaynste this Ordynaunce shall paye for everye tyme as everye freeman dothe paye for the lyke offence.

An Ordynaunce for noe Apprentice to be sett over to an other Master but that he be firste recorded in the Clotheworkers Hall.

71. An Ordinaunce for noe apprentice to be sett over to another master but that he be firste recorded in the Clotheworkers Hall.

Item it is ordered and decreed that noe apprentice shalbe sett over within his terme to any other Master excepte the same Apprentice and both the Masters doe or shall within one moneth after theyr agreement in that behalfe had come before the Master and Wardenes or Three of them at the leaste at theyr Commonn Hall and bringe with them the Indentures of Apprentishippe to the ende the same settinge over maye be recorded in the Common Hall Uppon payne of forfeture of Sixe Shillinges Eighte Pence for everye suche defaulte.

An Ordynaunce for no Jorneyman of the Companye to worke with any of an other Fellowshipp when he maye have reasonable wages with any of his owne Companye.

72. An Ordinaunce for noe Jorneyman of the Companie to worke with any of an other Fellowshippe when he maye have reasonable wages wt any of his owne Companye.

Item it is ordered that for asmuche as dyvers personnes of other Fellowshippes occupye Shearinge bothe of Wollen Clothes and Fustyanes and Rowinge at the Pearche And are no Bretheren of the sayde Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers and refuze to obeye theyre Actes or Ordynaunces That from henceforthe noe Jorneyman of the saide Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers shall worke with any man of any other Fellowshippe as longe as he maye be sett or [*sic*] worke with a Freeman or Brother of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Chotheworkers [*sic*] Uppon payne to forfeyte and paye

monethely for every suche offence the somme of Twentye Shillinges of lawfull Englyshe money And yt is further ordered by this presente Ordynaunce That noe Master or housholder of the sayde Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers havynge knowledge or understandinge of such offence of any suche Servaunte or Jorneyman shall sett any suche personn so offendinge on worke untill the personne so offendinge have payde his saide Fyne Uppon payne that every master or howshoulder doynge to the contrary shall forfeytt and paye the Somme of Twentye Shillynges of lawfull Englishe money for every tyme so offendinge.

An Ordynaunce y^t yf any M^r or Warden be remisse pciall or carlesse in thexecutinge of Justice to have a fyne set on his heade.

73. An Ordinaunce y^t if any Master or Warden be remisse perciall or careles in th' executinge of Justice to have a fyne sett on his heade.

Item it is ordered ordayned and decreed That if the sayde M^r and Wardenes of the saide Company or Fellowshippe of the saide Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers for the tyme beinge or any of them at any tyme hereafter shalbe founde parciall careles remysse or neglygent and not indyfferent in the executinge of the said Actes and Ordynaunces heretofore or heareafter expressed in this Booke of Ordynaunces Or els at any tyme hearafter for favoure or affectyon towardes any personne or personnes whatsoever shall forbeare to execute theyre Office as they oughte to doe Soe that for meede favoure or dreede the good Ordynaunces of the sayde Companye or Fellowshipp shalbe vyolated dyspenced withall dyscontynewed infrynged or broken to the hinderaunce of the common wealth and of the good and necessary governement rule order and correction of the sayde Companye or Fellowshippe of Clotheworkers accordinge to the true intente of the Ordynaunces heretofore or hereafter in this Booke of Ordynaunces specyfyed That then the Master and every Wardeñe that shalbe founde so defectyve and fawltye in soe doinge uppon a due prooffe thereof had before the reste of such officers of Master and Wardenes as shall not be founde culpable therein and of Sixteene Assistauntes at the leaste of the sayde Companye or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers shall forfett and paye for everye suche offence suche Somme or Somes of money as shalbe assessed and sett downe by the reste of the sayde Officers and Sixteene Assistauntes at the leaste aforesayde accordinge to the qualitye of his or their offence or offences soe yt exceede not the somme of Tenne Poundes of lawfull Englyshe money for everye suche offence.

An Ordynaunce

An Ordynaunce for no Apprentice to be presented to the Chamberlayne of London to be made free but that he be firste examyned and tryed of his sufficiencie by the Master and Wardenes or some of them.

74. An Ordinaunce for no apprentice to be presented to the Chamberlaine of London to be made free but that he be first examined and tried of his sufficiencie by the Master and Wardens or some of them.

Item yt is ordered ordayned and establyshed That noe personne or persoñes of the sayde Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers from henceforthe shall presume or take uppon hym to present any of his Apprentices before the Chamberlayne of London or his Deputye to be made a Freeman of the sayde Citye and of the Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers after th'expyration of his terme of apprenticehoode before he fyrste presente the same apprentice before the Master and Wardenes of the sayde Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers at theyr Common Hall there to be examyened of his service and contynuaunce in the same and by those of the handycrafte of the sayde Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers lykewyse of his workemanshipp and also whether hee have duely served and contynued for his whole tyme as an Apprentice accordinge to the use and custome of the sayd Arte or Mysterye And also beinge of the handycrafte whether he bee a sufficiente workeman or noe The partye beinge founde sufficient and allowed shall then and there be sworne before the sayde Master and Wardeñes in theyre Common Hall Accordinge to the Othe in that case provyded And then and there to laye downe and paye for his admyssion or allowance to the use of the Companye or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers the Somme of Twoe Shillinges Syxe Pence And after that his sayd Master with the sayd Master and Wardenes or one of them shall present the sayde Apprentice before the saide Chamberlayne or his Deputye for the tyme beinge And theruppon shall cause hym to be admytted into the Franchise of the sayde Citye and into the Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers or els not nor otherwyse to be presented Uppon payne that every Master of every suche Apprentice doinge the contrary shall forfett and paye to the Master and Wardenes of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers ye somme of Fyve Poundes of lawfull Englyshe money to be bestowed and ymployed to the profitt and common utilitye of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers.

An Ordynaunce

An Ordynaunce for noe Apprētice to paye for his entry into the Fellowshipp above Three Shillinges Fower Pence.

75. An Ordinaunce for no apprentice to paye for his entrie into the Fellowshippe above Three Shillings Foure Pence

Item where as yt hath byne an oulde custome amongeste the sayde Companye or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers within the sayde Citye of London That everye personne or personnes of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers commynge out of his or theyr yeares of Apprentishippe have used to gyve to the Master Wardeñs and Assistauntes a Breakefaste whiche hath byne somewhat chardgeable to younge men It is ordered ordayned and establyshed That every suche personne and personnes commyng out of his or theyr yeares of Apprentishipp as aforesayde shall not be compelled to paye any greater somme of money for his entry into the sayde Companye or Fellowshipp Then the some of Three Shillinges Fower Pence of lawfull Englysh money.

An Ordynaunce that none of the Company that worketh in any other trade shall make or use any false workemanshipp but that he shalbe punnyshed.

76. An Ordinaunce that none of the Company that worketh in any other trade shall make or use any false workmanshipp but that he shalbe punnished.

Item it is ordered and ordayned That yf any personne or personnes of the sayde Compayny or Fellowshippe of Clotheworkers occupyinge any other Arte or Trade then Clotheworkinge shall offende in false workemanshipp that the Master and Wardeñs of the sayde Companye or Fellowshipp of Clotheworkers or some of them shall call some other of the sayde Fellowshipp occupyinge and usinge the sayde Arte or Trade wherein the offence is supposed to be cōmitted and shall by theyr advise punnysh suche offence by theyre good dyscretions So yt stande with the lawes of this Realme.

An Ordynaunce That everye Jorneyman and Servingman being at his Master or Mystres fyndinge shall gyve due attendance uppon them.

77. An Ordinaunce that everie Jorneyman and Servingman beinge at his master or mistres findinge shall give due attendance upon them.

Item it is ordayned that everye Jorneyman or Servyngeman of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers that serveth in the same Compayny or Fellowshipp by the weeke moneth quarter halfe year or yeare and beinge at his Masters or Mystres fyndinge and lodginge shall gyve due attendaunce uppon his saide Master and Mystres with whom he worketh and shall not absente hymselfe from his Master or Mystres service neyther Holydaye nor Workinge-daye excepte to devyne service or preachinge without hys Master or

Mystres lycence Uppon payne that everye Jorneyman or Servingeman so offendinge shall forfeytt and paye for every suche offence Twelve Pence of lawfull Englishe money And it is further ordered that everye Master and Mystres of suche servaunte shall keepe everye suche servaunte in reasonable awe and dreede duringe the tyme of his soe beinge in service and not to suffer hym as neere as he or she can to ryott or keepe any manner of mysrule or any other dysorder whatsoever or maynteyne hym therin Uppon payne that every Master or Mystres so offendinge to the contrary shall forfeytt and paye lykewyse the Somme of Twentye Shillinge of lawfull Englyshe money for every suche offence.

An Ordynaunce that everye Jorneyman and Servingeman beinge at his owne fyndinge shall gyve suche attendaunce as hath byne accust[om]ed and kepe his howers at worke.

78. An Ordinaunce that everie Jorneyman and Servingman being at his owne findinge shall give suche attendaunce as hath byne accustomed and keepe his howers at worke.

Item it is ordayned ordered and establyshed that every personne beinge a Jorneyman or Servingeman in the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers that worketh by the daye and ys at his owne findeinge shalbe bounde to noe further attendaunce uppon the holydaye but to come in the mornynge on the holyday and after the oulde manner and custome to hange oute his Master or Mystres Clothes and at the eveninge of the same holydaye shall comme and helpe to take thē in and to lay them to the Shearebordе agaynste the morninge of the daye following And further allso that everye Jorneyman or Servingeman of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers shall accordinge to the oulde manner and custome on everye workinge-daye cōme to his worke bothe wynter and sommer at Fower of the Clocke in the mornynge and in the sommer tyme to leave his worke at Seaven of the Clock at night and in wynter to leave worke at Eighte of the Clocke at nighte And yf any suche Jorneyman or Servīgman shake [*sic*] not keepe his howers as aforesayde That then it shall and maye be lawefull to the sayde Master and Wardenes or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge uppon juste complaynte to them made to checke every suche Jorneyman or Servingeman of his wages after the rate as hee lacketh of his dayes service That is to saye for every hower One Pennye and for every daye without lycence fyrste hadde Twoe Shillinges or otherwyse by theyr dyscretiones as to them shall seeme uppon good occasion reasonable and convenyente.

An Ordynaunce

An Ordynaunce for noe Jorneyman uppon any Breache to departe before the matter be hearde by the Master and Wardennes.

79. An Ordinaunce for no Jorneyman upon any breache to departe before the matter be heard by ye Master and Wardennes.

Item It is ordered ordayned and establyshed that frome henceforthe everye Jorneyman or Servingeman of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers that shalbe hyered with any houshoulder of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers by the yeare halfe yeare quarter moneth or weeke shall not departe from his Master or Mystres service to worke with any other unpon (*sic*) any breache or fallinge oute betweene them before the sayd breache be decyded by the sayde Master and Wardenes of the sayde Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers or the more parte of them neyther withoute reasonable warninge to be gyven accordinge to the tyme of his hyre Uppon payne that every Jorneyman or Servingeman offendinge contrarye to this Ordynaunce shall forfett and paye the somme of Fyve Shillinges of lawfull Englyshe money for every suche offence.

An Ordynaunce for paymante of Quarteredge by Houshoulders and Jorneymen.

80. An Ordinaunce for paym^t of Quarteredge by Housholders and Jorneymen.

Item It is ordayned and establyshed That as well every personne or personnes beinge of the saide Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers of what Arte or Mystery soever hee or they be As also all and every other personne and personnes beinge Fremen of the same Company inhabytinge or dwellinge within the saide Citye of London or Suburbs of the same or Southwarke or within suche circuite or other plac[e]s as by the lawes of the Realme the sayde Company are pryvyledged or aucthorized that at any tyme or times herafter doth or shall exercise or use any thinge concerninge the Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers or any thinge therunto appertayninge or in any wyse belongeinge unto the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers which shalbe admytted an housholder shall pay to the Master and Wardenes for the tyme beinge to the common utilitye benefitt and mayntaynaunce of the Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers everye quarter of ye yeare for his Quarteredge Sixe Pence of lawfull Englyshe money in suche like manner as hath heretofore byne used and accustomed And that as well every Jorneyman beinge of the sayd Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers As also everye Jorneyman Englyshe or straunger dēnyzon or not dēnyzon whatsoever at any tyme hereafter usinge exercizinge or workinge in the sayde Arte or Mysterye within the sayde Citye of London or Suburbs of the same Southwarke or within such circuyte or other places as by the lawes of the Realme the sayde Company are priviledged or aucthorized shall paye for his or theyre Quarteredge Twoe Pence of like lawefull money every quarter of the yeare to the

Master and Wardenes of the sayde Companye or Fellowshipe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers for the tyme beinge to and for the common use and benefett of the sayd Companye or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers And further also that every personne aforesayde shall bringe or sende unto the Common Hall of the sayde Companye or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers at the quarter daye appoynted for the meeteinge of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers All that and such porc̃ons of money as he is or oughte to pay for Quarteredge by reason of this Ordynaunce afore mentioned And shall then and there make paymente to the saide Master and Wardeñs thereof accordinglye And whosoever shall uppon reasonable demaunde wilfully refuze or deny or faile to make payement therof shall forfett and paye for every suche refuzinge or denyall or faylinge therein soe to be made the som̃e of Twelve Pence of lawfull Englyshe money.

An Ordynaunce for dysclosinge any secretts of the Company.

81. An Ordinaunce for disclosinge anye secrettes of the Companye.

Item It is ordayned that yf ye said Master Wardens and Assistants of the sayde Company or Fellowship of ye saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers for the tyme beinge or any of them doe or shall at any tyme hereafter reveale declare or disclose to any person or personns any the lawfull conferences or consultations of the saide Company or Fellowship of ye saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers tendinge to the blame hurte or prejudyce of any other of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp or to ye prejudice and hinderance of the c̃omon weale of the saide Company or Fellowshipp That then he or they so offending shall uppon due proofe therof had or made for that cause be removed and exempted out of and from his or theyr said office or offices and dischardged out of ye Lyverye of ye saide Company or Fellowshipp of ye saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers And so to remayne and contynewe as a person exemted untill suche tyme as he or they shall upon submission and reconsiliacion be taken agayne.

An Ordynaunce for the Master Wardeñs and Assistaunts to appoynte Sessors to taxe the Company upon any occasion and to appoynte Collectors.

82. An Ordinaunce for ye Master Wardenes and Assistauntes to appoint Sessors to tax ye Company uppon any occasion and to appointe Collectors.

Item It is further ordered and established That ye Master Wardeñs and Assistants of ye saide Company or the more parte of them shall have full power and aucthoritie by these presents To nomynate electe or choose from tyme to tyme Sixe Fyve or Fower persoñes of ye sayde Company To assesse or taxe the Bretheren of the sayde Fellowshipp for any somme or sommes of money to be levyed geathered or had for the service of her Majestie or

for the worship of the Company or for any other matter or thinge touching or concernynge the necessity affayres or busynes of ye Company And that the said Master Wardenes and Assistaunts shall have full power and aucthoritye to nomynate and appoynte Collectors for ye levying receyving or geatheringe of the sayde some or somes of money soe taxed or assessed and that every person so nomynated elected and chozen shall take uppon him and execute the same upon payne of forfeyture of Three Poundes for every defaulte without a lawfull and sufficient excuse suche as shalbe allowed of by the saide Master Wardens and Assistants of ye sayd Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge.

An Ordynaunce to declare the number of the Assistaunts.

83. An Ordinaunce to declare the numbre of the Assistauntes.

Item It is further ordered and establyshed explayned and declared that where mention is made in these presentes of any acte matter or thinge to be had made or done by the Master Wardeñs and Assistaunts or ye more parte of them or by their assente consente or judgement that the same shalbe understoode y^t there shalbe present in person thereat the Master or his Deputy and the Fower Wardeñs or Twoe of them at the leaste and Sixteene of ye Assistants at the leaste It is further ordered explaned and decreed That there the voyces assente or agreement of the more parte of the persoñs aforesayde so beinge present shalbe sufficyent and avaylable for any matter or thinge before or hereafter in these presents mencyoned or specyfyed.

An Ordynaunce to declare howe the Penalties and fynes to be due by these Ordynaunces shalbe levyed.

84. An Ordinaunce to declare howe ye penalties and fines to be due by these Ordinaunces shalbe leavyed.

Item it is ordered ordayned and established That if any persone or persoñs of the saide Company or Fellowship of the saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers or any other usinge or exercisinge ye saide Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers or any thinge concerninge the same of what degree or condicyon he or they be dwellinge or inhabitinge within the saide Citye of London the Suburbs of the same in Southwarke or within suche circuite or other places as by the lawes of ye Realme the sayde Company are priviledged or aucthorized that doe or shall infrynge breake or not observe any Acte or Ordynaunce in these presents expressed or shall or will at any tyme hereafter wilfully denye refuze delaye or deferre to pay his quaredge [*sic*] and other dueties or to pay suche some and somes of money as shall happen at any tyme heareafter upon due proofe therof had to be orderly assessed

or due to be payd for any payment penalties or forfeytures for ye breaking and not observinge of any of ye foresayd Ordynaunces in these presents lymyted and appoynted That then it shabbe [*sic*] lawfull to ye said Mr Wardeñs and Assistañts of ye sayd Company or Fellowshipp of Clothework^rs or any twoe of them for ye tyme beinge takinge with them one Constable Baylief or Sergeant at ye Mace or any other of the Queenes Majesties officers meete for y^t purpose at theyr will and pleasures to enter into the howse or howses chambers[1] boothes shopps warehowses cellers sollers or other place or places of him or them so denyinge refuzinge delayinge or deferringe to paye suche penalties paynes forfeytures or somes of money so by him or them due or payable And there by ye dyscretyon of ye Master Wardeñs and Assistants appoynted for y^t purpose in reasonable manner to dystrayne any of his or theyr wares goods or utyncells then beinge within the same house or howses chambers boothes shoppes warehowses cellers sollers or any other place or places or any of them for such somes of money as shalbe then due and payable by ye same personñ or personñs whose goods are or shalbe dystrayned as aforesayde Soe as ye sayde goods soe dystrayned be not above double or treble value of ye some or somes as shalbe then dewe and payable And ye same goods wares and utensells soe dystrayned lawfully to take beare and carry awaye And ye same to detayne and kepe to ye uses in these presente Ordynaunces before mencyoned and expressed.

An Ordynaunce or Provyso for ye penalties and fynes.

84.[2] An Ordinaunce or Proviso for the penalties and fines.

Provided neverthelesse that yf ye same persone or personñs whose wares goodes or utensills shalbe so distrayned doe or shall within Twenty dayes then nexte ensuinge after ye takinge of such goods and utensells repayre and come to the sayde Master Wardeñs and Assistants or ye more parte of them for ye tyme beinge And theruppon make full paymente composition or agreement to or with them or the more parte of them for & concerninge the sayde paynes penalties somes of money & forfeytures so by him or them to be due & payeable That ye said Mr Wardenes and Assistants or the mor parte of them shall delyver to ye sayde person or persons so payinge compoundinge or agreeinge as is aforesayde all and every his sayde wares goods and utensills so taken by waye of dystresse as is aforesayde And it is further ordered That yf the saide person or personñs whose goods and utensills are and shalbe so taken by way of dystresse do not nor shall not within that tyme make any payment satisfaction or agremente therin as aforesayd or doe not within the sayde Twenty dayes prosecute or

[1] *Chalnbers* in MS.

[2] This and the preceding Ordinance have the same number in the MS.

sue forth a Replevine accordinge to ye lawes of ye Realme That then ye Master Wardens and Assistants or ye more parte of them for ye tyme beinge shall have full power & aucthoritie by these presentes to make due appraysemente therof by ye othe of sixe persoñs & therupon to make sale of ye sayde wares goodes and utensills takeñe by waye of distresse and of every parte and percell thereof And yf any surplusage or reste of money wares goodes or utensills doe or shall upon the appraysement therof so had or made fall oute to be remayninge unto ye owner or proprietary therof That then the same surplusage and reste of money wares goods or utensills shall with convenient speede be restored to ye party or partyes of & from whome ye sayde goods & utensills were taken by the sayd Master Wardeñs and Assistants or ye more parte of them for the tyme beinge And further it is ordayned ordered and establyshed That yf ye same personne or personnes so denyinge refuzinge delayinge or deferringe to paye be not of sufficient habilitie to paye suche fynes or paynes that shall happen to be upon him or them assessed That then for and upon want of sufficient goods or wares so to be founde for ye levyinge of any or either of the sayde penalties fynes or forfeytures by waye of dystresse It shall and maye be lawfull to and for the sayde Master Wardeñs and Assistants or ye more parte of them for ye tyme beinge by vertue of this Ordynance to cōmytt and sende by the Bedell or Bedells of ye saide Company or Fellowshippe withoute any other officer at their libertie and pleasure all suche wilfull stuberne and disobeydyente person or persoñs so denyinge refuzinge delayinge or deferringe to paye as afforesayd to the Counter or any other prysoñ within ye same Citye for his or theyr offence or offences to thende ye same may redounde to ye good example of others and there to remayne and abide at the dyscretion of ye sayde Master Wardeñs and Assistaunts or ye more parte of them for ye tyme beinge untill he or they have satisfyed and payde the saide sōme or sōmes of money then due or have submytted hym and themselves unto ye sayde Master Wardeñs and Assistants or ye more parte of them for ye tyme beinge Soe as the same ymprysonmente be not above Tenne dayes at the moste.

An Ordynaunce to declare to whome the Fynes and Penalties herein mentioned shalbe due and appertayne.

85. An Ordinaunce to declare to whome the fines and penalties herein mentioned shalbe due and payeable.

Item it is ordered and establyshed y^t all ye paynes penalties fynes and forfeytures to be due by force of any of these Ordynaunces or Lawes beinge not otherwyse appoynted shalbe payde to the Master and Wardeñes of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers of the Citye of London And shalbe by them ymployed and

bestowed to the utilitye benefitt and mayntaynaunce of the sayde Companye or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers.

An Ordynaunce for all matters orders decrees and judgements concerninge the Companye to be made passed and decreed by the Master Wardens and Assistauntes.

86. An Ordinaunce for all matters orders decrees and judgmentes concerning the Companye to be made passed and decreed by th[e] Master Wardennes and Assistauntes.

Item it is further ordered that noe matter or thinge order decree or judgemente which doth or shall concerne the generall estate or common proffitt of the saide Companye shalbe made had passed ordered or decreed without the presence of the Master or his Deputie and the Wardeñs or Twoe of them at the leaste and Sixteene Assistauntes at the leaste And it is lykewyse ordered decreed and establyshed that the voyces assent or agreament of the more parte of them so presente shalbe sufficiente and availeable for any matter or thinge to be had made or done by them and to bynde the Compayny or any member or fellowe thereof.

An Ordynaunce That the Master Wardennes and As[sis]tauntes maye pardon or myttygate Fynes.

87. An Ordinaunce that the Master Wardennes and Assistauntes may perdone and mittigate fines.

Item it is further ordered that the Master Wardenes and Assistauntes for the tyme beinge or the more parte of them being presente shall have full power and aucthoritie from tyme to tyme by their good dyscretions to myttygate dymynysh forgyve or pardon any of the fyne or fynes penaltye or penalties paymentes taxes or assessementes in these presentes mencyoned Any thinge or matter in these presentes specified to the contrary notwithstandinge.

An Ordynaunce what the Othes shalbe.

88. An Ordinaunce what the othes shalbe.

Item it is further ordered That the Othes to be taken by the Master Wardeñes and Assistauntes aforesayde from tyme to tyme shalbe as after followeth and maye apeare That is to saye:

An Ordynaunce for the Othe of the Master and Wardennes.

89. An Ordinaunce for the othe of the Master and Wardennes.

You and everye of you shalbe true to oure Soveraigne Ladye the Queenes Majestie and to her heyres and lawfull successors Kinges and Queenes of Englande And you and everye of you shall endevor your selves the best you can justly and indifferently to execute and cause to be executed your offices in every respecte to the benefytte of the common weale of the Queenes Majesties subjects and the creditt of yo[r] Company And you shall lykewyse execute or cause to be executed all the good and lawfull

Ordynaunces in this Booke of Ordynaunces expressed without sparinge of any man for affection rewarde meede dreed or promyse of rewarde duringe the tyme you shalbe in the same office of Master and Wardenes And of all manner of dueties forfeytures fynes and of all and every suche goods plate jewells sommes of money or any other thinge or thinges that by reasonne of youre sayde offices shall come to any of youre handes you shall accordinge to the Ordynaunces before specifyed make a good true and playne accompte or els paye suche Fynes as ye be ordered to paye by the sayde Ordynaunces for your not so doinge You shall not for malice nor for love or affection assesse any personne or personnes in a greater or lesser somme then after the quantitie or qualitie of hys offence Accordinge to your dyscretion and accordinge to the Ordynaunces of the Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mysterie of Clotheworkers So helpe you God.

An Ordynaunce for the Othe of the Assistauntes.

90. An Ordinaunce for the othe of the Assistaunce.

You shall sweare That you and everye of you shalbe true to oure Soveraigne Lady the Queenes Majestie and to her heyres and lawfull successors Kinges and Queenes of Englande And you and every of you shall endevor your selves the best you can aswell for and concerninge the givinge and usinge of your faithfull advises and counsailes unto the Master and Wardennes of the Company or Fellowshippe of the Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers for the more better execution of theyr sayde offices And also to give and use your faithfull aydes and assistaunce in every respecte as muche as in you lyeth for the due observation of all the good and lawfull Ordynaunces in this Booke of Ordynaunces mentioned and expressed And accordinge to the intente and true meaninge of the same w'out molestinge or ympeachinge of any personne or personnes either for affection or malice or for or in respecte of any rewarde meede dreede or promyse of rewarde duringe the tyme you shalbe Assistauntes towchinge the Company or Fellowshipp of the saide Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers Soe helpe you God.

An Ordynaunce declaringe the Othe of Supremacy for the Master Wardenes and Assistauntes.

91. An Ordinaunce declaringe the Othe of Supremacie for the Master Wardennes and Assistauntes.

I A. B. doe utterly testyfy and declare in my conscience That the Queenes Highnes is the only Supreame Governesse of this Realme and of all other Her Highnes Dominions and Countries aswell in spirituall and ecclesiasticall things or causes as temporall And that noe forraygne prince personne prelate state or potentate hathe or oughte to have any jurisdiction powers superyorities

aucthorities or prehemynences ecclesiasticall or spirituall within this Realme And therefore I doe utterly renounce and forsake all forraigne jurisdictions poweres superiorities and aucthorities And promyse that frome henceforthe I will beare faith and true allegeaunce to the Queenes Highnes her heyrs and lawfull successors And to my power shall assiste and defende all jurisdictions pryvyledges prehemynences and aucthoryties graunted and belonginge to the Queenes Highnes her heyres and successors or unyted or annexed to the Ymperiall Crowne of this Realme So helpe me God and by the contentes of this Booke.

An Ordynaunce for certen other Othes.

92. An Ordinaunce for certen other othes.

Item it is further ordered That the Othes hereafter mencyoned shall by the severall personnes hereafter named be lykewyse taken as after doth followe and appeare *videlicet:*

An Ordinaunce for ye Othe of every one which commethe in by Redemption of a Jorneyman and of an Apprentice.

93. An Ordinaunce for the othe of everie one which commethe in by Redemption of a Jorneyman and of an Apprentice.

You shalbe true to oure Soveraigne Lady the Queenes Majestie her heyres and successors Kinges and Queenes of Englande you shall well and truelye observe maynetayne and keeke [*sic*] to your power all the good lawes ordynaunces statutes and decrees alreadye made or hereafter to be made for the governemente of the Companye or Fellowshipp of Clotheworkers for ye better skyll of the sayde Arte or Mysterye and for the common proffitt and commodytye of the sayd Company or Felowship ye shalbe obeidiente from tyme to tyme and at all tymes in all lawfull matters to the Master Wardenes and Assistauntes of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe And ye shall come at all tymes unto them or any of them uppon a lawfull Sommons either of their Clerke or Bedell or of any others by them beinge lawfully enjoyned or commanded so to doe havinge no lawfull or reasonable excuse to the contrary Or els you shall paye such penalties as you shall forfett by your dysobeyinge Accordinge to the lawfull Ordynaunces of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe All the lawfull counsells of the sayd Company or Fellowship of the sayde Arte or Mysterye as at any tyme of assembly that shalbe lawfull in communication amongeste the Companye or Fellowship of the sayde Arte or Mystery at your Common Hall you shall keepe secret and not disclose the same to any personne beinge none of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp and especially to any suche personne whom the sayde matter doth concerne and touche So helpe you God.

An Ordinaunce for the Othe of the Clerke.

94. An Ordinaunce for the othe of the Clerke.

You shalbe true to oure Soveraigne Lady the Queene and to her heyres and successors Kynges and Queenes of Englande you shalbe obeidyent unto the Master Wardenes and Assistaunts of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers for the tyme beinge and so frome tyme to tyme in all theyr lawfull dyrections and commaundementes concerninge the saide Company you shall reade all the Ordynaunces and make due and true ertryes [*sic*] When as the Master and Wardenes shall commaunde you without sparinge any personne for affection lucre or malice ye shall not deliver the Coppies of any Bookes concerninge the sayde Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mysterye nor any Articles whereby the sayde Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery maye take hurte Neyther shewe the same Bookes to any manner persone or persoñes without the consente commaundement and agreamente of the saide Master and Wardenes or some of them for the tyme beinge And in eache poynte so farre as you can execute your office So helpe you God.

An Ordynaunce for the Othe of ye Bedell.

95. An Ordinaunce for the othe of the Bedell.

You shalbe true to our Soveraigne Lady the Queene and to her heires and successors Kinges and Queenes of Englande you shalbe obeidient to the Master Wardeñes and Assistauntes of the Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers for the tyme beinge And so from tyme to tyme you shall gyve yor attendaunce uppon them and use your diligence at all tymes accordinge to the truste that shalbe commytted unto you in suche affayres as you shall have to doe for or concerninge the sayde Company or Fellowshippe either in any Message or other Busynes that you shalbe by them or any of them appoynted unto within this Citye of London and Suburbs of the same And especially in Sommoninge any of the saide Company or Fellowshipp at suche tyme as you shalbe therunto commanded Soe helpe you God.

An Ordinaunce for the Othe of the Free-denizon.

96. An Ordinaunce for the othe of the Free-denizon.

You shall sweare that you shalbe good and true to our Soveraigne Lady the Queenes Majestye that nowe is and to her heyrs and successors Kings and Queenes of Englande The Queenes peace to your powers you shall keepe And to the Master and Wardeñes of the Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers ye shalbe obeydyente and toe their successors And that none of your

servaunts shall sett upp no howse nor shopp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers Accordinge to the Acte of Parlyamente made in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth yeare of oure late Soveraigne Lorde Kinge Henry the Eighte Also ye shall not make any congregations nor consente to noe mysdoers agaynste the Queenes Majesties peace But that ye give knowledge thereof to some of the Queenes Officers for the tyme beinge Also the lawfull counsaile of this house ye shall well and trulye keepe and that ye shall not mayntayne nor sett on worke any other mannes servaunte untill that ye knowe that he be honestlye departed frome his Master Uppon payne to forfeyte and paye the Somme of Fortye Shillinges of lawfull Englishe money Also you shalbe obeidiente to all sommons assigned by the Master and Wardenes for the tyme beinge In payne of forfeture for the firste offence Twelve Pence for the seconde Twoe Shillinges And for the nexte and every lyke after Three Shillings Fower Pence of lawfull English money without lawfull excuse All these articles ye shall well and truely keepe to your power So helpe you God.

An Ordynaunce for the mynystryng of the Othe of Supremacye.

97. An Ordinaunce for y° ministring of the Othe of Supremacie.

Item it is Ordayned that every personne or personnes which hereafter shall become free of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers by waye of Redemption or as a Jorneyman or as by Birthrighte or as an Apprentice and everye Denizon the Clerke and the Bedell takinge the Othes aforesayde shalbe also sworne to the Othe of Supremacye above expressed in the same manner and forme as the Master and Wardeñes ar appoynted as aforesayde.

An Ordinaunce that every Jorneyman upon sommons foure tymes in the yeare shall come to the Hall to heare specially that belongeth to them the Ordynaunces readde and that done they maye departe.

98. An Ordinaunce that everie Jorneyman upon sommons foure tymes in the yeare shall come to the Hall to heare speciallie that belongeth to them the ordinances [read] and that done they may departe.

Item it is furder ordayned ordered and established That everye Jorneyman beinge free of the sayde Companye or Fellowshipp of the sayd Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers resyent within the sayde Citye of London the Suburbs of the same in Southewarke or within suche circuite or other places as by the lawes of the Realme the sayde Company are pryvyledged or aucthoryzed shall from henceforth foure tymes in the yeare at suche convenyent tyme and tymes as the Wardenes of the Yomanry or the moste parte of them for the tyme beinge shall thincke meete and convenyent uppon their appoyntment by the sommons of theyr Bedell make theyr

repayre to the Common Hall of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of the sayd Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers then and there to heare readde unto them the Ordynaunces contayned in this Booke especially Those Ordynaunces that shall appertayne unto or concerne the Jorneymen or any of them of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers And further to receyve suche order direction & governement as to the Master and Wardens of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers and the Wardens of the Yomanry of the same Company or any of them for the tyme beinge shalbe thoughte meete and convenyent and accordinge to the Ordynaunces in this Booke contayned specifyed and declared And the same every Jorneyman accordinge to his power shall obey performe fulfill and keepe upon payne that everye person and personnes beinge Jorneymen of the saide Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers as aforesayde makinge suche defaulte of apparaunce shall forfett and paye for every tyme so offendinge Sixe Pence of lawfull Englishe money to be ymployed and bestowed to the use benefitt and commodytye of the Youmanry of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers.

An Ordinaunce that none shall occupye the sayde Arte or Mystery unlesse he be free of the sayde Companye.

99. An Ordinaunce that none shall occupie the saide Arte or Mystery unlesse he be free of ye saide Company.

Item it is ordayned that no manner of person or persoñs whatsoever hee or they be shall within the Citye of London or Suburbs therof or within suche circuite or other places as by the lawes of the Realme the saide Company are lawfully pryvyledged or authorized use exercize or occupye the Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers or any thinge therunto appertaynynge at any tyme and tymes hereafter unlesse hee or they be or shalbe free of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers by birthe or by service as apprentyce or otherwyse orderly admytted to be of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp of Clotheworkers Upon payne to forfett and paye the somme of Tenne Poundes of lawfull money of Englande for every suche offence The one moyty thereof to be to the use of oure Soveraigne Lady the Queenes Majesty her heyres and successors And the other moyty to the use of the sayde Company or Fellowshipp of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers.

The Conclusion of observinge of all the Ordynaunces and for alteratyon as shall seeme meete to the Lorde Chauncellor and the Twoe Lorde Chieffe Justices.

100. The conclusion of observinge all the ordinaunces in this booke contayned And for alteration as shall seeme meete to the Lorde Chauncellor of Englande Lorde Keeper of the Greate Seale Lorde Treasurer of Englande the Chief Justices of both the saide Benches for the tyme beinge or any Three of them.

Finally it is Ordayned that all and every person and persoñes which nowe dwelleth or inhabyteth or hereafte shall dwell or inhabitt within the Citye of London and Suburbs or within Three Myles compasse of the same as well Straungers Denizons and Forreyners as also Freemen that doe occupy any of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers or any thinge or thinges appertayninge or in any wise belonginge to the same shall obey observe and keepe all the Ordynaunces and Rules before mencyoned And that as well they as the Worke made by them shalbe under the searche vewe and correctyon of the Master and Wardens of the sayde Arte or Mysterye of Clotheworkers aforesayde for ever as concerninge the sayde Arte or Mysterye and everye parte thereof And what persoñ or personnes soever he or they be that shall offende in any of the sayde Articles shall forfett for every tyme so doing as before is specified to the Master Wardenes Assistauntes and Commynaltye of the sayde Arte or Mystery and payement shalbe thereof made to the Master and Wardens of the sayd Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers for the tyme being to be ymployed by them with the assentes of Sixteene of the sayde Assistauntes for the tyme beinge at the leaste of the sayde Company or Fellowshippe of the sayde Arte or Mystery of Clotheworkers to the uses before mencyoned.

All which Ordynaunces Constitutions and Othes in manner and forme aforesayde at the requeste of the nowe Master Wardennes and Assistauntes and Commynaltie of the same Company or Fellowshipp by vertue and authoritie of the sayde Acte of Parlyamente made in the sayde Nyneteenth yeare of Kynge Henry the Seaventh Wee the sayde (nowe) Lorde Chauncellor and Chieffe Justices of either Benche aforesaide have seene perused readd examyned and fullie considered And for good laudable and lawfull Ordynaunces Constitutions and Othes Wee doe accepte allowe and admytt And by these presentes as muche as in us is or resteth ratify confirme allowe and approve **Provided** allwaies and foreseene That the Ordynaunces and Constitutions within this Booke expressed or any of them or any parte or percell of the same in any wyse extende not nor be prejudiciall or hurtfull to the Queenes Majesties Prerogative or to any Letters Pattents of Pryvyledges graunted by Her Majestie or any her noble progenitors to the Citye of London Neither to the

hurte or prejudice of any laudable custome used in the sayde Citye of London And in case any Article or Articles or any thinge in this Booke expressed or contayned shall seeme and be perceyved hereafter to the Lorde Chaun[ce]llor of Englande Lorde Keeper of the Greate Seale Lorde Treasurer of Englande the Chieffe Justices of both the sayde Benches for the tyme beinge or any Three of them to be prejudiciall or hurtefull to the Quẽnes Majesties Prerogative or to any graunte made by her progenitors or to any other laudable custome of the said Citie as above is expressed or to any Statutes or Lawes of this Realme That then the sayde Article or Articles and every of them so beinge perceyved and deemed to be prejudiciall and hurtefull as above sayde to be voyde and of none effecte And to be reformed by the Lorde Chauncellor Lorde Keeper Lorde Treasurer and Twoe Chieffe Justices or Three of them for the tyme being Any thinge by us the sayde Lorde Chauncellor and Twoe Chieffe Justices in this behalfe done and made to the contrary notwithstandinge.

In Witnes wherof To this present Booke wee have sett our Handes and Seales the Seconde daye of the moneth of Julie in the Nyne and Twenteth yeare of the Raigne of oure Soveraigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queene of Englande Fraunce and Irelande Defendor of the Faith &c.

CHR' HATTON, Canc̃. L.S.

C. WRAY. L.S.

ED'D. ANDERSON. L.S.

Three Seals attached, in ivory boxes.

V.

Ordinances

OF THE

COMPANY OR FELLOWSHIP OF CLOTHWORKERS

OF THE CITY OF LONDON.

18*th April*, 15 *Charles I.*, *A.D.* 1639.

To[1] all Christian people to whome this present writinge shall come Thomas Lord Coventry Baron of Allesborough Lord Keeper of the Greate Seale of England Sir John Bramston Knight Lord Cheif Justice of the Kings Bench and Sir John Finch Knight Lord Cheif Justice of his Majesties Courte of Comon Pleas att Westminster send greetinge in our Lord God everlastinge Wherreas in a certaine Acte or Statute in the Parliament houlden at Westminster the five and twentieth daie of Januarie in the nineteenth yeare of the raigne of the late Kinge of famous memory Henry after the Conquest the Seaventh made and ordeined for the weale and profitt of his Subjectę It was (amongest other thinges) ordeined established and enacted that noe Master Wardens and Fellowshipp of Craftes or Misteries nor any of them nor any Rulers of Guilds or Fraternities should from thenceforth take uppon them to make any Actę or Ordinances nor to execute any Actę or Ordinances heretofore by them made in disinheritance or diminucion of the Prerogative of the Kinge nor of others nor against the Comon profitt of the People But if the said Actę or Ordinances were examined and approved by the Chauncellor Threasurer of England or Cheif Justices of either Bench or three of them or else

[1] The initial letter in the original is finely illuminated with the Arms of the Company

before both the Justices of Assise in their Circuite or progresse in the Shire where such Actſ or Ordinances be made Upon paine of forfeiture of Fortie Poundes for every tyme that they doe the contrary As by the said Acte of Parliament more plainely doth and may appeare **Knowe yee** That the Master Wardens and Comminalty of Freemen of the Arte or Mistery of Cloathworkers of the Citty of London willinge and desiring the said Acte of Parliament to bee in all thingſ duely observed and kept the third daie of January in the Foureteenth yeare of the raigne of our Soveraigne Lord **Charles** by the grace of God Kinge of England Scotland Fraunce and Ireland Defendor of the Fayth &c Have exhibited to us a Booke conteyninge divers Articles Actſ and Ordinances by them made ordeyned and devised for the better rule order and government of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers and their Successors and of such others as now doe use or which hereafter shall use the Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers within the Cytty of London the Suburbes and precinctſ of the same or within such other place or places as by the Lawes of this Realme the said Company are priviledged and authorized and for the comon weale and conservacon of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers **And have** humbly and instantly desired us that wee all and every of their Actſ and Ordinances heereafter menconed and by them to us exhibited would examine correct and amend in due and convenient manner and forme and them afterwardes allowe and approve as the said recited Acte of Parliament requireth **We well** perceaving and consideringe the same to bee good and reasonable accordinge to their desires and by the authoritie of the said Acte of Parliament to us given All and every their Actſ and Ordinances soe to us exhibited have seene read and well understood and all and every of them have examined corrected and reformed The tenor whereof heereafter ensueth:—

1. **An Ordinance** that the Companie may assemble together.

Imprimis it is ordeyned constituted and established by theis presentſ that the Freemen of the Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers of the Cittie of London shall and may at all tyme and tymes heereafter and from tyme to tyme att their libertie and pleasure congregate and assemble themselves att their Common Hall now belonging to their said Company or Fellowshipp within the said Citty or to any other Hall that heereafter shall belong to the said Company or Fellowshipp for the better direccion and continuance of the good order government rule and reformacion of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers or for any other their affaires and busines.

2. An Ordinance for Election of Ma^r and Wardens and imposing Fines on such as shall refuse to hould being elected.

Item it is ordeyned ordered and established That from henceforth upon the first Monday in August yearely for ever or within twenty daies before or within twenty daies next after thé said first Monday in August as shall bee thought most necessary by the appointment of the Master and Wardens and Assistantꝯ of the said Company or Fellowshipp or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge The same Master and Wardens and all or the greater part of such as have beene Master or Wardens of the said Company or have fyned for the same shall and may assemble themselves att their Common Hall within the said Cittye about the howre of seaven of the clocke in the morninge and then and there soe assembled shall and may nominate elect and choose of and amongst such of themselves as never before that tyme have beene Master but have only borne and passed the place and Office of Warden of the said Company or fyned for the same or of such of the said Company as then bee or before that tyme have beene Aldermen or Sheriffꝯ of the Cittie of London or have putt themselves to a fyne for the same A discreete able and sufficient Person to bee Master of the said Company to rule and governe the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers for the yeare then next ensuing and untill a new eleccion of another Master shall bee made accordinge to the tenor of these Ordinances And if it shall happen that the voyces of the said Master Wardens and Assistantꝯ bee even and equall in number in the said eleccion Then the Master for the tyme beinge shall have a double voyce for the fynall determinacion of the said elecc̃on of a new Master **And further** that the said Master Wardens and Assistantꝯ or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge shall and may nominate elect and choose foure other able discreete and sufficient persons to be the foure Wardens of the said Company for the said yeare ensuinge The two foremost of which said foure persons shalbe elected and chosen out of such as have formerly borne the office and place of Wardens of the said Company or have payd their fynes for the same (if any such shall bee) or otherwise the said eleccion of the said two formost Wardens to bee made out of such of the auncientest and ablest of the Livery or Cloathing of this Company as the said Master Wardens and Assistantꝯ shall thincke fitt and meete to bee elected to the said places And the said twoe other persons shall bee elected and choosen out of the auncientest meetest and ableest of the Livery or Cloathing of the said Company which have not before that tyme borne the Office of Warden of the said Company nor have payd their fynes for the same And if it shall happen that the voyces of the said Master Wardens and

Assistantꝭ shall be even and equall in number in the eleccon of the said Wardens Then the Master for the tyme beeing shall allsoe have a double voyce for the fynall determinacion of the said eleccion of Wardens which saide foure persons after their said eleccion in manner and forme aforesaid shall bee Wardens of the said Company for one yeare from thence nexte following and from and after the end and expiracon of the said yeare soe long and untill others bee elected into such place or office of Wardens of the said Arte or Misterie And if it shall happen that att any tyme heereafter either the said Master or any of the said Wardens which shall bee att anie tyme soe chosen shall departe this mortall life before the end and expiracion of that yeare Then the survivors either of Master or Wardens for that tyme being and Assistantꝭ of the said Company or the more parte of them shall and may from tyme to tyme in every such case at a Courte of Assistantꝭ by them to bee held elect and choose other Master Warden or Wardens in the place of him or them soe deceaseing And the same person or persons soe newly elected to execute the place and office of him or them soe deceasing for the residue of the tyme then to come that the said person or persons soe deceasing should have done if hee or they had lived And it is alsoe ordeyned and ordered that if any person elected and chosen to bee Master of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers in manner and forme above particularly expressed shall att the tyme of the said eleccion or att any tyme after refuse deny neglect or delay to take upon him the said place and office of Master of the said Company and to bee sworne within foureteene daies after such his eleccon according to an Ordinance and to the Oathes heereafter in these presentꝭ expressed for that office haveing noe reasonable or just lett or impediment that shall or may then appeare to the said Master Wardens and Assistantꝭ or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge for his sufficient excuse and discharge in this behalfe That then the said person soe elected and refuseing denying neglectinge or delaying shall forfeite and pay to the Master Wardens and Cominalty aforesaid for the use of the said Company the sume of Twenty Poundes of lawfull money of England soe often and for every tyme as hee shall bee soe chosen Master and shall refuse neglect or delay to take the said place or office upon him and to take the said Oathe And it is further ordeyned and ordered that if any person or persons of the said Company or Fellowshipp which att any tyme hereafter shall bee named or elected to the place or office of Warden of the said Company or Fellowshipp in manner as aforesaid shall at the tyme of his or their eleccion or att any tyme after refuse deny neglect or delay to take upon him or them the said place and office and to bee sworne within foureteene dayes after such eleccion according to an Ordinance and to the Oathes heereafter in these presentꝭ ordeyned and expressed

That then hee or they soe neglectinge or refuseing denying or delaying shall forfeitt and pay to the said Master Wardens and Cominalty of the said Company to and for the use of the same for everie tyme soe refusing and denyinge the sume of Fifty Poundes of lawfull money of England.

3. An Ordinance for the Master or Wardens overpassing anie place of Wardenshipp to pay a Fine.

Item it is further ordeyned ordered and established that every person or persons of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Mistery of Cloathworkers which shall bee elected and preferred to bee Master or Warden of the said Company before hee shall have orderly served and supplyed the roome or place roomes or places of the inferior Warden or Wardens of the said Company That then every person or persons soe preferred shall pay such fyne for every office of Wardenshipp which hee or they have not served as the Master Wardens and Assistantes of the said Company or the more parte of them for the tyme being in their discrecions shall thinke good and reasonable soe that the said fyne soe to bee assessed upon any one person exceede not Forty Pounde.

4. An Ordinance that every new Mar and Warden shalbee sworne within fourteene daies next after their Election.

Item it is ordeyned ordered and established that the said new Master and Wardens and every of them which shall bee soe elected as aforesaid shall from tyme to tyme within foureteene daies next after the day of their eleccion in their Common Hall aforesaid take the Oathes concerning the said Master and Wardens or any of them heereafter for that purpose ordeyned and expressed in these presentes in the presence of the ould Master and Wardens and Assistantes of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers for the tyme being or the more parte of them Upon paine before in these presentes lymitted.

5. An Ordinance for the ould Mar Wardens and Assistants to give attendance to sweare the newe.

Item it is ordered that the ould Master and Wardens and the Assistantes of the said Company or the more parte of them as often and when as neede shall require att any tyme heereafter shall give their attendance and bee ready to receive and take the Oathes of the new Master and new Wardens within the tyme before for that purpose in theis presentes lymitted Upon paine that every of them being negligent and offendinge in this behalfe shall forfeitt and pay Twenty Shillinges for every such offence.

6. An Ordinance for the Master of the Companie to substitute a Deputie.

Item forasmuch as the Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers may happen att some tyme hereafter to choose and elect such person to be the Master of the said Company or Fellowshipp as either by reason of sicknes or else by affaires of importance as well in divers parte on this side the Seas as in divers parte beyond the Seas may bee often letted or hindred from being continually attendant upon his said office and alwayes resident amongst the said Company or Fellowshipp for the better government and more due execucõn of the said Office **It is** therefore ordered ordeyned and decreed That everie Master of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Mistery of Cloathworkers for the tyme being may in such respect as necessity shall require with the assent of the Wardens and of the Assistante for the tyme being or the more parte of them assigne and appoynt one of the gravest and most auncient Assistante of the same Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers to bee his Deputy and Substitute to supply in his absence the office of being Master of the said Company or Fellowshipp **And further** it is ordeyned that it shall and may bee lawfull for every such Deputie or Substitute soe being assigned and appointed as aforesaid to execute doe and performe att all and everie tyme and tymes heereafter in the absence of the Master for the tyme being all and every thing and thinges whatsoever which by reason of the Ordinances in this Booke conteyned shall concerne and appertaine to the office of the Master of the said Companie or Fellowshipp in as large lawfull and ample manner and forme to all intente and purposes as if the said Master of the said Company or Fellowshipp were himselfe in person present Any thinge in theis present Ordinances contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

7. An Ordinance that everie one that hath been Mar or Warden shalbee Assistant and for the Election of others.

Item for that it is convenient and necessary that the Master and Wardens of the said Company should bee sufficiently assisted and ayded by the good advice and councell of the grave and discreete men of the said Company **It is** therefore ordered ordeyned and established that from tyme to tyme and att all tymes heereafter all those that have borne the places or offices of Master or Wardens of this Company or have payd their Fynes for not bearing any of the said places shalbee the Assistante to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme being (unlesse any of them shall bee thereof exempted and discharged by the Master Wardens and Assistante of the said Company for the tyme beinge or

the more parte of them att a Courte by them to bee houlden) And that the Master Wardens and Assistantſ of the said Company for the tyme being or the more part of them shall and may from tyme to tyme att their pleasures when and as often as occasion shall require call elect and make choice of such and soe many others of the Livery of the said Company to bee Assistantſ of the said Company as to them the said Master Wardens and Assistantſ or the more parte of them for the tyme shall seeme fitt and expedient And it is further ordered that every such person before hee take upon him to be an Assistant shall take a Corporall Oath before the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme being in such manner and forme as heereafter for that purpose is expressed Upon paine of forfeiture of Five Poundſ.

8. An Ordinance that the Mar Wardens and Assistants shall rule and governe the Companie.

Item it is further ordered decreed and established That the Master Wardens and Assistantſ that now are for the tyme they shall remain and contynue in office and the Master Wardens and Assistantſ heereafter for the tyme beinge or the more parte of them and in defaulte of a greater number of the same Assistantſ the Master Wardens and twelve Assistantſ or the more parte of the Master and Wardens with twelve Assistantſ at the least for the tyme beinge of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Mistery of Cloathworkers from tyme to tyme and att all tymes heereafter for ever shall have full power and authority to performe doe and execute any the Lawes Statutes Actſ and Ordinances comprised and mencõned in this Booke of Ordinances and all and every thinge and thingſ whatsoever for the common weale and the conservacõn of the good estate of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Mistery of Cloathworkers and the better government and correccion of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Mistery of Cloathworkers.

9. An Ordinance that the youngest Warden shalbee Rentor.

Item it is ordered ordeined and established that att all tyme and tymes heereafter as often as it shall seeme good unto the Master and the other Wardens of the said Arte or Mistery of Cloathworkers The youngest Warden of the said Wardens soe elected nõiated and chosen as aforesaid shall for the tyme soe beinge youngest Warden bee alsoe Renter or Rentgatherer and Receaver of all the Rentſ and revenues of the landes tenementſ and possessions belonging to the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers.

10. An Ordinance that the Rentor and Quarterwardens shall enter into Bonds with sufficient securitie for the paiement of such money as shall come to theire hands.

Item for asmuch as the said Company of Cloathworkers have before this time susteyned greate losses by some persons accompted of good estate and creditt with the said Company by reason of the trust reposed in them in Receipte and Custodie of monney committed to their charge by the said Company to the use of the same without any bond or bonds taken for the securitie of the said Company Therefore for preventinge of such like inconveniences for the tyme to come **It is** ordeyned ordered and established that every person and persons of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers which att any tyme heereafter shall be chosen to supply the places and roomes of first and second Wardens commonly called the Rentor and Quarterwardens of the said Company shall before such tyme as any of them shall take upon him or them the execucion of the said office or offices become severally bound by Obligacion (with such sufficient sureties as the Master Wardens and Assistante of the said Company or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge shall like and allowe of) to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme beinge in the sume of One Thousand Poundes with condicions thereupon severally to bee indorsed to this effect (videlt) That if hee or they the said Rentor or Quarterwarden his or their Executors or Administrators shall within three moneths next after his or their going out of office or decease (which of them shall first happen) make a true and just accompte to the Auditors of the said Company or Fellowshipp in that case to bee assigned of and for all such rente fynes sume and sumes of money whatsoever which by any wayes or meanes have come or shall come to his or their handes by reason of his or their office or offices of Wardenshipp or otherwise by the appointment of the said Master Wardens and Assistante or any of them or otherwise for or to the use of the said Company And alsoe pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company or Fellowshipp for the tyme beinge within twentie daies next after the accompte then audyted all such sume and sumes of money which upon the foote of their said accompte or otherwise shall bee found to remaine in their or any of their handes due and payable And shall alsoe in the meane tyme and from tyme to tyme dureing the tyme of his and their Wardenshipps pay or cause to bee paid to such persons and to such uses as by the Master Wardens and Assistante of the said Company or Fellowshipp for the tyme beinge hee or they shalbee appointed and assigned all such quarterly and other payment and all such sume and sumes of money as by the said Master Wardens and Assistante

shall bee thought needefull and necessary out of such of the stocke and moneys of the said Company as from tyme to tyme shall appeare to the said Master Wardens and Assistante to remayne and bee in his and their handes undisbursed That then the said severall Obligacons shall bee voyd and of none effecte or else to stand in full force effect and vertue And it is further ordered that the said late Master and every and either of the other of the late Wardens commonly called the Upper and Third Wardens shall within twentie dayes next after the audyting of the said accompt deliver and pay unto the Master and Wardens then being all such sume and sumes of money as shall bee found due resting or payable to the said Company in his or their handes upon the said Accompte Upon payne that the person soe offending in whose handes any rest or dueties to the said Company shall bee or remayne not satisfyed or payd as aforesaid shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens then being to and for the use of the said Company for every moneth that hee shall detayne or withhould the same after demaund thereof made the sume of Tenne Poundes of lawfull money of England.

11. An Ordinance for the choise of Auditors and audyting the Accompts.

Item it is ordeyned that within forty dayes after the eleccion of the Master and Wardens yearely The Master Wardens and Assistante or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge shall choose and elect foure five or sixe persons being of the Assistante of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers to bee Auditors for the taking of the Accomptes of the late Master and Wardens and other officers of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Mistery of Cloathworkers and to take and receive all such Accomptes and Reckoninges as ought to bee made or to bee accompted for by them or any of them concerning any money plate jewells goodes profittes rentes of landes tenementes and hereditamentes commodities and other thinges whatsoever touching belonging concerning or appertaining to the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Mistery of Cloathworkers or which shall happen att anie tyme heereafter to come belong or apptaine to the said Fellowship of the said Arte or Misterie And it is further ordered that the said Auditors being soe choesen shall auditt the accompt within thirtie dayes after their Eleccion Upon paine of forfeiture of Twenty Shillinges a peece if any default shall bee in them.

12. An Ordinance to have a Chest or Compting house for keeping Bookes &c.

Item it is ordeyned that the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers and their Successors shall from tyme to tyme and att all tymes heereafter have one substanciall Chest or Countinghowse or some

other convenient place with three severall keyes thereunto belonging for the safe custodie and keepinge as well of all such money plate jewellſ goodſ substance and other thinges which shall appertaine or belong unto the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers as allsoe of all the Charters Evidences Ordinances and Writeingſ to the said Company or Fellowshipp appertaining One of the which three severall keyes shalbee and remaine in the custodie of the Master for the tyme being One other of the said keyes in the custodie of the Upper Warden and the third keye in the custodie of the Seacond Warden commonly called the Quarterwarden whoe shall altogether in their proper persons repaire to the opening of the said Countinghouse Chest or place when and as often as there shalbee occasion And if it shall happen any of the said Master or Wardens to bee sicke or out of the Cittie or to have anie other lawfull busynes Then the Master Wardens and Assistantſ or any of them haveing any of the said keyes in custodie and soe being sick or out of the Citty shall appoint one of the Auncientſ or more of the said Company of Assistantſ to take his or their keye to supplie his or their roome in his or their absence.

13. An Ordinance for the Quarterwarden to deliver the goods by Inventorie to the new Warden.

Item it is ordeyned ordered and established that betweene the tyme of the Eleccion of the Master and Wardens and the Feast of Saint Michaell the Archangell yearely the late Seacond Warden (commonly called the Quarterwarden) in the Common Hall of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers in the presentſ[1] of the new Master and Wardens of the said Company or Fellowshipp or the more parte of them then present shall make a just true and full accompte by Inventory or otherwise to the same new Master and Wardens or the more parte of them (whereof the Seacond Warden comonly called the Quarterwarden to bee one) of for and concerning all and all manner of jewells plate lynnen or stock of househould stuffe charters writingſ and evidences or other goodes and implements whatsoever remayning in his charge & custody belonging to the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers and then and there in the presence of the new Master and Wardens or the more parte of them shall deliver to the Seacond or Quarterwarden for the tyme being the said plate jewells and stocke of houshould stuffe charters writingſ evidences and other goodes and implementſ together with his keye and all other thingſ whatsoever as aforesaid then being or remayning in his

[1] *Sic* in MS.

handes custodie or possession or which hee shall or may bee duelie or lawfully charged to have received to the use of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers or otherwise apperteyning to the said Company or Fellowshipp Upon paine of forfeiture of Five Markes for everie moneth that hee shall detaine any of the premisses in his handes after the tyme aforesaid And itt is further ordered That the same Accompte with the Inventory and such other thingſ as shall bee soe delivered upp shall ymmediatly bee written by the Clearke of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers in a Lidgier Booke which shall allwayes remaine and bee kept in the said Chest or Countinghouse or other place as aforesaid.

14. An Ordinance for choise of the Liverie.

Item it is ordeyned constituted and established that the said Company or Fellowshipp of the Cloathworkers shall have a decent Livery comely for themselves and meete to attend upon the Lord Maior and Aldermen of this Citty of London from tyme to tyme as occasion shall require And that as often as itt shall bee thought fitt by the Master Wardens and Assistantſ of the said Company or the greater parte of them for the tyme being the said Master Wardens and Assistantſ or the greater parte of them shall and may call choose elect and admitt into the Livery or Cloathinge of the said Company such and soe many person or persons free of the said Company as they shall thinke fitt meete and able to bee of the same Liverie or Cloathing and assigne them and every of them a daie howre and place for his and their appearance in their gowne and hood to serve therein in such decent and comely sorte as in the said Company or Fellowshipp is and hath beene accustomed and used And every person which shalbee soe called elected and choosen to bee of the Livery or Cloathing of the said Company which before that tyme hath served twice in the place of Warden of the Yeomanry of the said Company or fyned twice for the same shall pay to the said Master Wardens and Cominalty to and for the use of the said Company for his admittance into the said Livery or Cloathing the some of Five Poundſ of lawfull money of England And every one which shalbee soe called elected and choosen to bee of the said Livery or Cloathinge whoe before that tyme hath served but one yeare in the said place of Warden of the Yeomanry or fyned for the same shall pay for his admittance into the said Lyvery or Cloathing unto the said Master Wardens and Cominaltie for the use of the said Company the some of Tenn Poundſ of lawfull money of England And every person which shall bee soe called elected and choosen to be of the said Lyvery or Cloathinge and not having before that tyme served the said place of Warden of

the Yeomanry nor ever payd any fyne for the same shall pay unto the said Master Wardens and Cominaltie of the said Company for the tyme being for his admittance into the said Lyvery or Cloathinge the sume of Twenty Poundes of lawfull money of England to and for the use and better supportacon of the said Company or Fellowshipp And if any person or persons of the said Company or Fellowshipp soe called elected and chosen to bee of the said Lyvery or Cloathing in manner and forme aforesaid refuse and deny to take upon him or them the said place and to pay his or their fyne or fynes for his or their admittance hee or they shall forfeite and pay for a fyne for every tyme soe refuseing unto the said Master Wardens and Cominaltie to and for the use of the said Company the sume of Twenty Poundes of lawfull money of England And further that every one that shall bee soe chosen and admitted into the said Livery or Cloathinge shall pay at his admission to the Clearke of the said Company for the tyme beinge Two Shillings and to the Beadle of the Livery of the same Company Twoe Shillings.

15. An Ordinance for the whole Liverie to attend att the election of the Master and the Wardens.

Item it is further ordeyned ordered & established that every person beinge of the Livery of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers shall attend from tyme to tyme att the severall daies of Eleccon of the said Master and Wardens from the howre of Eight of the Clocke in the morninge of the said daies yearely untill the Eleccion of the aforesaid Master and Wardens bee as aforesaid finished And presently after the aforesaid Eleccion or Eleccions as well the Master and Wardens as allsoe all the rest of the Livery or Cloathing by two and two shall orderly and decently goe in their best livery from their said Hall unto Saint Dunstons Church in the East or such other place or Parish Church as shalbee by them in that behalfe appointed to heare divine service or some godly Sermon or both and shall in like decent order returne from thence unto their Common Hall backe againe there to doe and exercise such other necessarie bu[s]ines as to them shall seeme meete and soe to dinner or drinkinge there and not to departe thence without lycence of the Master and Wardens untyll dynner or drincking bee ended the same day And if any of the said person or persons beinge of the Lyvery as aforesaid doe not come attend and wayte in manner and forme above rehearsed but make defaulte thereof (excepte it bee by occasion of sicknes or some other lawfull impediment to bee adjudged reasonable by the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers or the more parte of them for the tyme being) that then every such person or persons soe

offending or makeing default shall forfeite and pay for everie such offence the sume of Tenn Shillings of lawfull money of England.

16. An Ordinance for the Liverie to goe to the buriall of anie of the Liverie or theire wives.

Item it is ordeyned and established That every person beinge of the said Liverie of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers att all tymes hereafter when and as often as any of the said Livery or their wives shall decease within the said Citty of London or Suburbes of the same shall make his and their repaire to goe to and with the said Master Wardens and Assistants or some of them in their liveryes to and for the bringing of the said Corps to the Grave whensoever hee or they shall bee thereunto warned or required unless hee or they soe warned or required shall have some lawfull excuse or have obtained leave of the said Master and Wardens or some of them for the tyme being And if the person soe deceased were ever Master or Warden of the said Company of Cloathworkers That then the Master and Wardens shall and may appoint and assigne fowre persons of the said Cloathing or Lyvery to goe by the dead Corpse to the Church where itt shall bee buryed (soe that the person soe dying dye not of the plague or pestilence) and whatsoever hee bee of the said Livery and Cloathing that shall offend contrarie to the tenor of this Ordinance hee shall forfeitt and pay for every such offence Three Shillinges and Fowre Pence of lawfull money of England.

17. An Ordinance for every one of the Liverie to keepe twoe Gownes.

Item it is ordeyned that every person of the said Lyvery or Cloathing shall keepe two liveryes or gownes allwayes together (videlt) his best livery and his seacond and one good or faire hood to bee worne by him [for the] worshipp of the said Citty of London and the honestie and creditt of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers And whatsoever person or persons of the said Livery or Cloathinge that shall doe the contrary shall forfeitt and paye for every defaulte the sume of Twentie Shillings of lawfull English money.

18. An Ordinance for the choise of Stewards.

Item it is ordeyned ordered and established That from henceforth the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or Fellowshipp or the more parte of them for the tyme being shall and may from tyme to tyme att their wills and pleasures as often and when occasion shall require nominate and appointe one two or more honest and substanciall person or persons of the

Livery and Cloathing of the said Company or Fellowshipp to bee Steward or Stewardes to make ordeyne and provide for the Master Wardens Assistantſ and Livery of the said Company or Fellowshipp a convenient dynner at their Common Hall either on the day that the Lord Maior of the Citty of London doth or shall take his Oath at Westminster or upon the fifth day of November being a day appointed by Acte of Parliament for a publique thankesgiving to bee solempnized for the miraculous deliverance of the Kingſ Majestie and the whole state of this Realme from the Gunpowder Treason or upon the day of the solempnizacion of the Kinges Majesties most happie Inauguracion to the Crowne of this Realme or upon any other day or at any other tyme as hee or they the said Steward or Stewardes shall bee thereunto assigned or appointed by the said Master Wardens and Assistantſ or the more part of them for the tyme being according to the auncient use and custome and in such manner and forme as heeretofore hath beene used and accustomed in and by the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers And the said Master Wardens and Assistantſ shall yearely and from tyme to tyme appoint such person or persons as have not att any time then before borne or executed the said office of Stewardshipp or fyned for the same untill it hath gone through the whole Livery And then to beginn orderly againe in their course and aunciency And whosoever of the said Livery doth or shall at any tyme deny or refuse the undertakinge and execucion of the said office of Stewardshipp being thereunto nominated and appointed in forme aforesaid shall forfeytt and pay to the said Master Wardens and Cominalty for the use of the said Company for every tyme soe refusinge and denying the sume of Twenty and Five Poundes of lawfull money of England And it is further ordered that the said Steward or Stewards shall bee allowed towards his or their charge of everie such dynner the sume of Fifty Shillinges to bee payd him or them by the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme beinge of the stocke of the said Company or more or lesse as shalbee thought good and fitting by the said Master Wardens and Assistantſ or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge.

19. An Ordinance for the choise of Wardens of the Yeomanrie.

Item it is ordeyned and ordered That the Master Wardens and Assistantſ of the said Companye or Fellowshipp or the more parte of them then present shall or may from henceforth every yeare yearely upon the Monday next after Michaelmas Day or within Twentie daies before or Twentie daies after at their will and pleasures appointe nominate elect and choose out of the Yeomanry of the said Company fowre honest discreet and substanciall and able persons to bee Wardens of the said Yeomanrie of

the same Companie for the yeare ensuinge for the better regiment rule and government of the said Yeomanrie and Journeymen of the said Arte or Misterie such as to the said Master and Wardens or to the more parte of them and to twelve of the Assistantꝭ at the least shall bee thought meete and convenient And if any of the said foure Wardens of the Yeomanry shall happen to dye before the end of his yeare That then within convenient tyme after such death the Master Wardens and Assistantꝭ of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers or the more parte of them then present shall appoint nominate elect and choose some other discreet and substanciall person or persons out of the said Yeomanry to supply the said roome or roomes place or places of him or them soe deceaseing or departinge within the said yeare And that every person of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers that heereafter shall bee choosen Warden of the same Yeomanry in manner and forme above rehearsed which shall refuse to take the same office upon him shall forfeitt and pay for every tyme soe refuseinge if none of the Company bee that yeare Lord Maior of the said Citty of London the sume of Tenn Poundes and for every such offence at such tyme as one of the said Company or Fellowshipp shall bee Lord Maior in that yeare the sume of Twentie poundes of lawfull English money And it is further ordeyned ordered and established by this present Ordinance That the Wardens chosen from tyme to tyme to bee Wardens of the Yeomanrie shall not in anywise beare the name or names of the Wardens of the Company or Fellowship of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers or to bee accounted reputed taken or ordeyned to bee the Wardens to rule and governe the Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers But only to be accompted reputed and taken to bee Wardens for better government of the Yeomanrie and Journeymen in such case as hath beene heeretofore used and accustomed.

20. An Ordinance for choosing of Batchelors.

Item it is ordeyned ordered and established That as often and when as it shall happen that any person of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers shall bee elected and chosen Lord Maior of the Citty of London That then and soe often such a convenient number of the members of the said Company or Fellowship as shall not bee then of the Liverie or Cloathinge of the same shall by the Master Wardens and Assistantꝭ of the said Company for the tyme being or the more parte of them and the Wardens of the Yeomanrie of the said Company for the tyme being or any three of them bee named and appointed to bee Batchelors of the said Company or Fellowshipp to serve in Foynes and Budge on the daie such Lord Maior is to take his Oath att Westminster

And that everie person soe named and appointed to serve as Batchelor in Foynes and Budge shall contribute and pay towardes the charge of the Tryumph of the said Lord Maior such reasonable sume and sumes of money as the Master Wardens and Assistantes with the said Wardens of the Yeomanry for the tyme being or the more parte of them shall rate and assesse And that every such Batchelor in Foynes and Budge to bee named and appointed as aforesaid shall give his personall attendance and doe such service upon the day of the said Tryumph and at other daies usuall for their attendance in their said habitt of Foynes and Budge in such comely and decent manner as shall bee appointed them by the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme being And every such person soe named and appointed to be Batchelor as aforesaid that shall make defaulte in performance of any parte of this Ordinance shall forfeitt and pay to the Master Wardens and Cominalty to the use of the said Company the severall sumes and Fynes heereafter mencioned (that is to say) every Batchelor appoynted to serve in Foynes Tenn Poundes and every Batchelor appointed to serve in Budge Five Poundes unlesse hee or they have such a lawfull and reasonable excuse to the contrarie as shall bee approoved and allowed by the said Master Wardens and Assistantes of the said Company for the tyme being or the more parte of them And it is likewise ordeyned ordered and established That the Master Wardens and Assistantes of the said Company for the tyme being or the more part of them with the said Wardens of the Yeomanry for the tyme being or anie three of them shall have power to taxe and assesse all such other members of the said Company or Fellowshipp (not being then of the Cloathinge or Livery of the same nor then appoynted to bee Batchelors as aforesaid) as they shall thinke fitt to give and pay to the said Wardens of the Yeomanry towardes the charge of the said Lord Maiors Tryumph such reasonable sume and sumes of money as they in their discrecions shall thinke good soe that the said sume soe to bee assessed upon any one person exceede not the sume of sixe poundes thirteene shillinges foure pence And every one of the said persons soe to bee taxed and assessed which shall refuse deny or delay upon reasonable request to pay the same sume or sumes of money at which hee or they shall bee soe taxed or assessed as aforesaid shall forfeitt and pay to the said Master and Wardens to the use of the said Company the sume of Tenn Poundes of lawfull money of England.

21. An Ordinance for choise of the Clearke of the Companie.

Item it is ordeyned that the Master Wardens and Assistantes or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge shall or may from tyme to tyme when and as it shall seeme expedient and necessary make choise and eleccion of an honest discreete and sufficient

Clearke for the entringe and registring of all Decrees Ordinances Actes Agreementes Conclusions Orders and thinges made or to bee made in their Assemblies of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Clotheworkers and to doe and performe all other thinges which shall bee requisite necessary or apperteyning to the same office for and concerninge the said Company or Fellowshipp And allsoe the said Master Wardens and Assistantes or the more parte of them for the tyme being shall and may by their discrecions upon just occasion of offence from tyme to tyme displace and discharge any such Clearke from his said office and thereunto choose and appoynt one other for the supplying and excercisinge of the said office and roome.

22. An Ordinance for choise of Beadles.

Item it is ordeyned that the said Master Wardens and Assistantes of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge shall or may from tyme to tyme at their Common Hall when and as often as it shall seeme unto them meete and expedient elect and choose twoe persons of good and honest behaviour meete persons for that service out of the said Companie or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers to bee their Beadles one for the Livery the other for the Yeomanry who shall att all tymes bee attendant upon the said Master and Wardens and att the lawfull Commaundment and Comaundmentes of any one of them and diligent allsoe to sumon and warne all and every person and persons of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers for and concerning the affaires and busines of the said Companie or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers and to make reporte unto them of their answers in that behalfe · And allsoe the said Master Wardens and Assistantes or the more parte of them for the tyme being shall and may by their discrecions upon just occasion of offence from tyme to tyme displace or discharge any such Beadle or Beadles from his said office and thereupon choose and appoint one other for the supplying and exercising of his or their said roome or office.

23. An Ordinance that a notorious liver shalbee removed from his office.

Item it is ordeyned and established That if the said Master Wardens and twelve Assistantes att the least or the more parte of them now or att any tyme heereafter for the tyme being shall perceive and understand any of the said Master Wardens and Assistantes that now are or att any tyme hereafter shall bee or any other officer heereafter constituted ordeyned or appointed in these present Ordinances or any of the Livery to bee a notorious vicious liver or to have any notorious fault whereby hee or they shall bee adjudged or deemed to bee unmeete to continue out

his or their tyme to supply any his or their said offices or places before or heereafter mencioned and shall thereupon determinately conclude and agree that hee or they shall bee removed from the same his or their office or offices place or places That then the said Master Wardens and Assistantſ or the more parte of them for the tyme being shall and may att all tymes heereafter deprive remoove and put out any such Master Wardens and Assistantſ or other Officers or any of the Livery as aforesaid that shall soe by them bee determinately deemed and adjudged to bee a vicious liver or notorious faultie person from his said office or offices roome or roomes and to expell or seclude him or them utterlie from the same unlesse upon his or their reformacion they shall thinke good to elect or choose him or them into the same place or roome againe.

24. An Ordinance for keeping of Assemblies and foure Quarter daies.

Item it is ordeyned ordered established and concluded that from tyme to tyme and at all tymes heereafter as often as neede shall require there shall or may bee an Assembly and a Courte houlden of and by the said Master Wardens and Assistantſ of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the Freemen of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers or the more parte of them att their Common Hall for the tyme being as well for the well ordering of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers as all other affaires or business whatsoever at which tyme the said Master Wardens and Assistantſ or as many of them as conveniently may shall there assemble themselves **And it is** allsoe ordered and ordeyned that especiallie foure tymes in the yeare That is to saie within Foureteene daies after every of the Feastſ of Michaelmas Christmas Easter and Midsommer without some reasonable cause to the contrarie there shalbe houlden by the Master Wardens and Assistantſ of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the saide Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge Foure Courtſ or generall assemblies comonly called the foure Quarterdaies of Assemblies unto the which shall bee sumoned the whole Companie or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers and all other persons whatsoever beeing free of the same Companie or Fellowshipp dwelling or resiant within the said Citty of London or Suburbes of the same or within such Circuite or other places as by the lawes of the Realme the said Companie are priviledged or authorized At which Courtſ or Assemblies then and there soe houlden these Ordinances or soe many of them as shalbe thought meete and necessary by the Master Wardens and Assistantſ then present or the more parte of them shalbe then and there distinctly and openly reade unto them there assembled to the intent they may the better remember to observe and keepe the same And whosoever being warned make defaulte in

appearance at anie tyme of the said Courte or Quarterdayes having noe just nor lawfull excuse in that behalfe shall forfeitt and pay for every such offence these severall somes of money following (videlicet) the Master and Wardens each of them soe offendinge sixe shillinge eight pence every Assistant soe offending three shillinge foure pence every one of the Livery soe offending not being Master or Warden two shillinge every houshoulder soe offending not being Master or Warden Assistant or of the Livery twelve pence and every Journeman soe offending foure pence of lawfull money of England.

25. An Ordinance for payment of Quarterage by Houshoulders and Jorneymen.

Item it is ordeyned and established That as well every person or persons being of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers of what Arte or Misterie soever hee or they shalbee as alsoe all and every other person and persons beeing Freemen of the same Company inhabiting or dwellinge within the said Citty of London or Suburbes of the same Southwarke or within such Circuite or other places as by the lawes of the Realme the said Company are priviledged or authorized That att any tyme or tymes heereafter doth or shall exercise or use any thinge concerninge the Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers or any thinge thereunto apperteyninge or in any wise belonging unto the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers which shall bee admitted an househoulder shall pay to the Master and Wardens for the tyme being to the comon utilitie benefitt and maintenance of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers every quarter of the yeare for his Quarteridge sixe pence of lawfull Englishe money in such like manner as hath heeretofore beene used and accustomed And that as well every Journeyman being of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers as alsoe every Journeyman English or Stranger Denizen or not Denizen whatsoever att any tyme heereafter useing exercising or workeinge in the saide Arte or Misterie within the said Citty of London or Suburbes of the same Southwarke or within such Circuite or other places as by the lawes of the Realme the said Company are priviledged or authorised shall pay for his or their Quarterage twoe pence of like lawfull money every quarter of the yeare to the Master and Wardens of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers for the tyme being to and for the common use and benefitt of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers **And further** alsoe that every person aforesaid shall bringe or send unto the Common Hall of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the Clothworkers at the Quarterday appoynted for the meetinge of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers all that and such porcion of money as hee is or ought to pay for Quarteradge by reason of this Ordinance aforemencioned And shall then and there make payment

to the said Master and Wardens thereof accordingly And whosoever shall upon reasonable demaund willfully refuse or deny or fayle to make payment thereof shall forfeitt and pay for everie such refuseing or denyall or faileinge soe to bee made the sume of Twelve Pence of lawfull English money.

26. An Ordinance for everie person to appeare upon warning uppon a paine.

Item it is ordeyned that every person or persons of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers and every other person or persons useing or occupying the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers and beinge free thereof inhabiting within the said Citty of London and Suburbes of the same or within such Circuite or other places as by the lawes of the Realme the said Company are priviledged or authorized shall upon reasonable warning given by the Beadle of the said Company or Fellowshipp come to every Assemblie and Meetinge at such day howre and tyme as shall bee appointed for any affaires or busines to bee done concerninge the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers Upon paine that every Assistant of the said Company or Fellowshipp soe fayling or missing shall for every such offence forfeitt and pay Twelve Pence of lawfull English money and every other person or persons of the said Company or Fellowshipp not being Master Warden or Assistant for every such like offence Eight Pence without a lawfull excuse.

27. An Ordinance for the Ma' and Wardens to procure a search everie quarter at the leaste.

Item it is ordeyned That if the said Master and Wardens of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers for the tyme beinge doe not call warne or require some of the said Assistant or Livery or other of the said Company once every quarter of a yeare at the least to goe to search with them or some of them for the better oversight government and mayntenance of good workemanshipp within the said Company That then every of the said persons in whome any defaulte shall bee therein found in the executinge of his said office shall for every quarter soe missinge forfeitt and pay the sume of Twentie Shillings of lawfull money of England for his and their negligence therein used or made.

28. An Ordinance for the search to bee made every quarter of a yeare.

Item it is ordered ordeyned and established That the said Master and Warden of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers with such others of the said Company or Fellowshipp as shall bee appoynted by the Master and Wardens or the more parte of them for the tyme being shall once every quarter in the yeare at the least and oftener as it shall seeme good unto them enter

into the Howses Chambers Shopps Sollers Sellers Workhowses Boothes or any other place or places whatsoever of every person and persons as well beinge free of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers as of any others occupyinge or exercising workeing or selling any thinge or thinges appertayninge to the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers as well within the said Citty of London as the Suburbes of the same and within such Circuite and other places as by the lawes of the Realme the said Company are priviledged or authorised and as well in places priviledged and exempt as not priviledged and exempt and as well within Fayres and Markett within the said Citty and Suburbes of the same and within such Circuite and other places as by the lawes of the Realme the said Company are priviledged or authorized and there to viewe and search all manner of persons whatsoever useing the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers as well shearinge with the broad sheare upon Woollen Cloathes Bayes and Fustians as rowinge Woollen Cloathes at the pearch and alsoe in cottening and workeing any kinde of Cloath whatsoever to oversee that they doe their worke well lawfullie suerly and workemanlike for the common wealth and profitt of the Kings Majesties subjects And that they use noe manner of sleights nor undue worke in the same And if any manner of faults or sleights bee done and found in the said search either in Woollen Cloath Fustian Kerseies Bayes Cottons or in any other thing apperteyning to the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers Then all the said Cloaths Fustians Kersies Baies Cottons and all other things as aforesaid shall and may bee taken carried and borne awaie to their Common Hall there throughly to bee searched and viewed by the said Master Wardens and Assistants or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge or some other honest or sufficient workeman or workemen of the said Arte or Misterie as by them shall bee thereunto appointed to judge thereof indifferently And for such faults sleights and deceipts as shalbee soe found the doers and offendors thereof shall forfeitt and pay to the Master and Wardens for the tyme being such sumes of money for a fyne accordinge to the quality and quantity of their offence as shall bee assessed or sett downe by the said Master Wardens and Assistants or the more parte of them for the tyme being soe it exceede not for any one faulte the sume of Twentie Shillings of lawfull English money to the intent that good and lawfull workmanshipp may bee continued for the common profitts of the Kinges Majesties subjects.

29. An Ordinance that none shall resist the Ma^r and Wardens in theire search.

Item it is ordeyned That if any person or persons useing or occupying the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers or any thinge apperteining to the said Arte

or Misterie shall at any tyme or tymes heereafter willfully denye and refuse to suffer the said Master Wardens and Assistantes or any of them to enter into their house or houses boothe or boothes shopp or shopps cellers or warehouses to make search as aforesaid or shall willfully resist them or any of the Kinges Majesties officers brought by them to doe or execute their office in that behalf That then every such person or persons soe refusing or resisting shall forfeict and pay such reasonable sume or sumes of money as by the discrecion of the said Master Wardens and Assistantes of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers for the tyme being or the more parte of them shall bee thought meete and convenient Soe it exceede not the sume of three poundes sixe shillinges eight pence.

30. An Ordinance to occupie true workmanshipp in rowing shearing and cottoning.

Item it is ordeyned ordered and established That from henceforth as well all manner of persons of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers as any other usinge the same shall occupie true workemanshipp as well in rowinge as shearinge and cottening of all manner of Woollen Cloaths Bayes Cottens and Fustians for the common wealth of the Kinges Majesties subjectes and wearers of the same and for the honor of the Realme and for the honestie and creditt of the Company and Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers Upon paine that every person or persons doeing the contrary shall forfeitt and pay the Master and Wardens of the said Company or Fellowshipp the sume of sixe shillinges eight pence of lawfull Englishe money for every such offence to be imployed and bestowed to the use benefitt and maintenance of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers And that noe person or person[s] of what Arte Misterie or Crafte soever hee bee occupying or roweing at the pearch any manner of Woollen Cloaths Kerseys Frysaddowes Pennystones Bayes Cottons or any manner of Woollen Cloaths shall rowe with any other stuff but onely Tesells and not with yron Card or Cardes old or new in any wise Upon paine that every person soe offending shall forfeict and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company of Cloathworkers for the tyme beinge for every Card or paire of Cardes so occupied contrarie to the tenor of this Ordinance the sume of Tenn Shillinges of lawfull Englishe money to bee imployed and bestowed to the use benefitt and comoditie of the said company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers **And it is** alsoe further ordeyned by vertue of this present Ordinance That noe person or persons that sheareth with the broade sheere shall either muster cancell or solas any manner of Woollen Cloathes or Fustians but only that that they may bee trulie and workemanlike wrought and shorne with the broad sheare from the one end to the other without any fraude or deceipt and every peece of Fustian to

bee marked with the workers marke when it is well shorne And every Woollen Cloath Kersie Penniston Bayes Cottons and other Cloath whatsoever to bee marked with the workemans marke when it is shorne to the intent it may appeare whose doeinge it is if any fault should bee found thereon Upon payne that every person doeinge the contrarie shall forfeict and pay for every whole peece of Fustian soe found faultie sixe shillinge eight pence of lawfull English money for every halfe peece of Fustian soe likewise found faulty three shillings and foure pence of like lawfull Englishe money and for every Cloath Kersie Penniston Bayes Cotton and other Cloath whatsoever sixe shillinge eight pence of good and lawfull money of England.

31. An Ordinance that none shall dye or kallender fustians before they bee shorne thourough.

Item it is ordered ordeyned and established That noe person or persons infranchised in the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers or in any other Misterie or Arte within the Citty of London occupyinge dressinge shearinge or dyeing buying selling or retaylinge any Fustians within the said Citty of London the Suburbs of the same or Southwarke or within such Circuite and other places as by the lawes of the Realme the said Company are priviledged and authorised shall from henceforth dye or kallender or cause to bee dyed or callendred either in his owne howse or any dyers howse any Fustian rough or in any sorte before the same Fustian and Fustians bee truely and workemanly wrought and cleane shorne with the broad sheere from the one end to the other And that then they shall bee truely dyed and of good and lasting coullours for the comon wealth of the Kinge leidge people Upon payne that every person or persons doeing the contrary as aforesaid buying sellinge or retayling dressing or dyeinge of Fustians and the dyer and callenderer of such Fustians as shall not bee well and truely dyed and wrought as aforesaid shall forfeitt and pay for every such whole peece of Fustian sixe shillinge eight pence and for every such halfe peece three shillinge and foure pence of lawfull Englishe money **And it is** further ordered by these presente That if any person or persons keepinge either dyehouse or callendring-house within the said Citty of London the Suburbes of the same and within such Circuite or other places as by the lawes of the Realme the said Company are priviledged or authorised at any tyme or tymes heereafter doe denye and resist the said Master and Wardens of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers for the tyme beinge or or [*sic*] any of them or their sufficient deputie or deputies in that behalfe to be appoynted to search within their houses warehouses or other places for any such defaulte That then every person or persons soe offendinge shall forfeitt and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme

beinge to and for the use of the same Company the sume of Five Markes of lawfull Englishe money for every such offence.

32. An Ordinance for poore Househoulders of the Companie to bee relieved and buried by the Companie.

Item it is ordeyned That if at any tyme or tymes hereafter any person or persons of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers being householders which before tyme hath beene well accompted of and shall likewise continue to bee of good name and fame and duely and truly to his power hath borne and paid his quarteradges dueties and other chardges to the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers shall fall into poverty or necessitie That then hee shall bee refreshed weekely monethly or quarterly towardes his or their needie sustentacion and living out of the Comon Boxe and Almes belonginge to the said Company or Fellowshipp by the discrecon of the Master Wardens and Assistant or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge And if the said person or persons dye in poverty then hee or they shall decently honestly and Christianly bee buried at the cost and charges of the said Company or Fellowshipp.

33. An Ordinance that none of y Company shall change theire freedome without Licence.

Item it is ordeyned that noe manner of pson or psons being once made allowed ordeyned or admitted to bee free of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers of what trade faculty or mistery soever hee or they bee shall at anie tyme heereafter procure himselfe to bee made free of any other Fellowshipp or Company within the said Citty of London or Suburbes of the same or elswhere without the full consent of the said Master Wardens and Assistant for the tyme being or the more parte of them Upon payne that every pson soe offending shall forfeitt and pay to the said Master and Wardens to the use of the said Company or Fellowshipp for the tyme being such reasonable fyne or sume of money as shalbe taxed rated or assessed by the discrecon of the said Master Wardens and Assistant or the more parte of them for the tyme being having good regard of and to the abilitie of the said pson or psons soe offending soe as the sume so rated taxed or assessed doe not exceede the sume of One Hundred Markes.

34. An Ordinance for every person upon his admission into the Company to bee sworne.

Item it is ordeyned and ordered that every pson or psons which shall at any tyme heereafter bee admitted and received to the said Company or Fellowshipp of

Cloathworkers either by Composicon Redempcon or Service or by any other waies or meanes whatsoever shall at the tyme of his or their admission take a Corporall Oath upon the Holy Evangelist before the Master and Wardens of the said Company or Fellowshipp or some of them for the tyme being in their Common Hall in such manner and forme as by the Oath heereafter appointed for that purpose is expressed And if any such pson shall refuse to take his Oath in forme aforesaid Then hee or they soe refuseing shall bee rejected expulsed and putt of from being of the said Company or Fellowship and shall noe more bee suffered to occupie the Arte or Misterie or anie thing thereunto appertaininge within the said Citty of London and Suburbes of the same or within such Circuite or anie other place or places as by the lawes of the Realme the said Company are priviledged or authorised to rule and governe but shall bee reputed deemed and taken as a meere Stranger or Forreyner.

35. An Ordinance that the Mar Wardens and Assistants may admitt anie person into the Fellowshipp by Redempcon.

Item it is ordered ordeyned and established that from henceforth itt may bee lawfull to the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or Fellowshipp or the more parte of them for the tyme being without any consent or assent of any other of the said Fellowshipp to receive and take from tyme to tyme and at all tymes heereafter into their Company or Fellowshipp by way of Composicon and Redempcon such pson or psons as to them shall seeme meete and convenient to bee a Brother or Freeman of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers and for such reasonable sume or sumes of money as by the discrecons of the said Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or Fellowshipp or the more parte of them shall bee thought meete and convenient.

36. An Ordinance that noe househoulder shall sett an apprentice to worke after his terme expired before hee be allowed.

Item it is ordeyned and established that noe householder of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers shall or may give to any Apprentice ymmediately after the expiracon of the terme of his Indenture any manner of wages untill the said Apprentice bee by his Master that hee was Apprentice withall first presented att the Comon Hall of the said Company or Fellowshipp before the Master and Wardens **And it is** further ordered that every Apprentice of everie handicraftes man soe presented shall bee then appointed by the Master or Wardens or some of them to some honest and good workeman of that Arte wherein the Apprentice hath beene brought upp to bee assayed by the space of

three dayes at the least whether hee bee a good workeman and can his occupacon sufficiently well and perfectly or noe and if hee bee founde a sufficient workeman then to bee admitted to worke by Journeyworke or to take wages accordinge to the custome and manner of the said Arte or Misterie But if hee shall not bee found a sufficient workeman Then the Master and Wardens shall appoynte him to worke with some other sufficient workeman of the said Company or Fellowshipp by yeare or by weeke untill hee can sufficiently and pfectly his occupacon and shall alsoe assigne him what wages he shall take And that Master that doth not present his Apprentice after this manner or any householder that will psume to sett anie Apprentice on worke contrary to this Ordinance shall forfeict and paie to the said Master and Wardens to and for the use of the said Company the sume of Twentie Shillings of lawfull English money for every such offence.

37. An Ordinance that noe apprentice shall be presented to the Chamberlen of London to be made free before hee be first examined and tryed of his sufficiency in workmanshipp.

Item it is ordered ordeyned and established that noe pson or psons of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers from henceforth shall psume to take upon him to psent any of his Apprentices before the Chamberlen of London or his Deputy to bee made a Freeman of the said Citty and of the said Company of Cloathworkers after the expiracon of his terme of his Apprentishood before hee first present the said Apprentice before the Master and Wardens of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers at their Comon Hall there to bee examined of his service and continuance in the same And by those in the handycraft of the same Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers likewise of his workemanshipp and alsoe whether he have duely served and continued for his whole tyme as an Apprentice accordinge to the use and custome of the said Company & also beinge of the handicrafte whether hee bee a sufficient workeman or noe The partie beinge found sufficient & allowed shall then & there bee sworne before the said Master & Wardens in their Comon Hall according to the Oath in that case pvided And then & there to lay downe and pay for his admission or allowance to the use of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers the sume of two shillings & sixe pence And after that his said Master with the said Master and Wardens or one of them shall psent the said Apprentice before the said Chamberlen or his Deputie for the tyme beinge And thereupon shall cause him to bee admitted into the Franchise of the said Citty & into the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers or else not nor otherwise to bee psented Upon payne that every Master of every such Apprentice doing the

contrary shall forfett & pay to the Master & Wardens of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers the sume of Five Poundes of lawfull English money to bee bestowed and imployed to the pfitt & comon utilitie of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers.

38. An Ordinance for none to joyne in ptnershipp except &c.

Item it is ordeyned ordered & established That noe pson or psons being of the said Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers using the handycrafte at any tyme hereafter from henceforth shall in any waies joyne together or joyntely occupie as parteners with a Forreyner or with any pson or psons free of any other Company whatsoever nor with any pson or psons free of the said Company of Cloathworkers excepte the said pson soe joyning in partnershipp with another of the said Company have before his entring into partnershipp served with one of the said Company as Journeyman for the space of two yeares at the least & excepte one of them soe joyninge in partnershipp bee of great yeares or have some other Impediment by meanes whereof hee cannot oversee his worke as before hee hath done or with a widdowe of the said Arte or Mistery of Cloathworkers to supply her want in teaching overseeing & instructing of her servants & Apprentices And that onely to bee by licence & with consent of the Master Wardens & Assistante or the more parte of them and not otherwise Upon paine that every person soe offendinge shall forfeitt & pay for every tyme soe offendinge the sume of Tenn Pounds of lawfull money of England to the Master Wardens & Cominalty aforesaid to the use of the said Company **And it is** further ordered that every pson that shall bee partner and soe allowed as aforesaid shall during the first five yeares of his partnershipp (if hee continue soe long a partner) have take retayne and keepe but one Apprentice onely att one tyme Upon payne that every one that doth the contrarie shall forfeitt and pay to ye Master Wardens & Cominalty of the said Company for the tyme being to & for ye use of ye same Company the sume of Five Poundes of like lawfull money of England.

39. An Ordinance that noe forreyner shall bee sett on worke before a free Jorneyman.

Item it is ordered ordeyned & established That noe pson or psons being an househoulder & of ye Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Mistery nor any other pson or psons occupying useing or exercising the said Arte or Mistery of Cloathworkers shall from henceforth sett to worke in his said Arte or Mistery within the said Citty of London and the Suburbes of the same a Journeyman being a Forreyner or Stranger if hee may have a Free Journeyman being a skillfull and

competent workeman in that Arte or Mistery to worke for reasonable wages Upon payne that every pson soe offending shall forfeitt & pay for every such offence the sume of Fortie Shillinge of lawfull Englishe money.

40. An Ordinance that none shall intice awaye another mans Servaunt.

Item it is ordeyned that noe manner of pson or psons whatsoever hee or they bee of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers shall intice and allure awaie any manner of servant being Journeyman or Apprentice from his or their Master or Mistris service before the end & terme of his or their service agreed upon bee expired Excepte the same man Journeyman or Apprentice be lawfully discharged from his Master or Mistris service or have before warninge to depart from the said service of him or her unto whome he was retayned Upon payne that every pson soe offendinge shall forfeitt and pay for every such offence such severall Fynes or sumes of money as by the discrecon of the said Master Wardens & Assistante of the said Companie or Fellowshippe of Cloathworkers for the tyme being or the more parte of them shall bee thought meete and convenient Soe it doe not exceede the sume of Fortie Shillinge.

41. An Ordinance that every Jorneyman shalbee of good behaviour and keepe good order.

Item it is further ordered ordeyned and established That all manner of Journeymen of the said Arte or Misterie of Cloathworkers and every of them from henceforth shall bee of good rule & demeanour towardes the said Master Wardens & Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Mistery of Cloathworkers & shall not make any unlawfull Assemblies Brotherhoodes Congregacons or Flockinge together or use any unlawfull games or playes as Dyce Cardes Tables Kayles or anie other such like either within the said Citty of London and Franchises of the same or in any other place for eschewinge of such inconvenience ryotte or troubles as in former tyme hath risen comen or growne of like inconvenience Upon payne that every Journeyman soe offendinge shall forfeitt and pay the sume of thirteene shillinge & foure pence of lawfull English money for every such offence And in defaulte of payment thereof That then noe pson of the said Arte or Mistery of Cloathworkers being warned thereof by any of the Beadles of the same Company shall sett any such pson on worke without licence of the Master & Wardens of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers Upon paine to forfeitt and pay the sume of Twenty Shillinge [of] lawfull English money for every such offence.

42. An Ordinance that noe Jorneyman of the Companie shall worke with anie one of another Fellow[s]hippe when hee maie have reasonable wages with one of his owne Companie.

Item it is ordered That for asmuch as divers psons of other Fellowshipps occupie shearing both of Wollen Clothes & Fustians & rowing att the pearch & are noe Brethren of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers & refuse to obey their Actes & Ordinances That from henceforth noe Journeyman of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers shall worke with anie man of any other Fellowshipp as long as hee may bee sett on worke with a Freeman or Brother of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers Upon payne to forfeitt and pay monethly for every such offence the sume of Twentie Shillinges of lawfull Englishe money **And it is** further ordered by these [*sic*] p̃sent Ordinance that noe Master or Householder of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers having knowledge or understandinge of such offence of any such servant or Journeyman shall sett any such pson soe offending on worke untill the pson so offendinge hath payd his said Fyne Upon payne that every Master or Househoulder doinge the contrary shall forfeitt & pay the sume of Twentie Shillinges of lawfull English money for every tyme soe offending.

43. An Ordinance that noe Jorneyman upon any distast or breach shall departe from his service before ye matter bee heard by the Ma^r^ and Wardens.

Item it is ordered ordeyned & established That from henceforth every Journeyman of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers that shall bee hired with any householder of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers by the yeare halfe yeare quarter moneth or weeke shall not depart from his Master or Mistris service to worke with any other upon any breach or falling out betweene them before the said breach bee decyded by the said Master & Wardens of the said Arte or Misterie of Clothworkers or the more part of them neither without reasonable warninge to bee given accordinge to the tyme of his hire Upon paine that everie Journeyman offending contrarie to this Ordinance shall forfeitt and pay the sume of Five Shillinges of lawfull English money for every such offence.

44. An Ordinance that every Jorneyman shall come to the Hall uppon Sumons foure times in the yeare.

Item it is further ordeyned ordered & established that every Journeyman being free of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Clothworkers resiant within the said Citty of London the Suburbes of the same in

Southwarke or within such Circuitt or other places as by the lawes of the Realme the said Company are priviledged or authorised shall from henceforth foure tymes in the yeare at such convenient tyme and tymes as the Wardens of the Yeomanry or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge shall thinke meete & convenient upon their appoyntment by the Sumons of their Beadle make their repaire to the Comon Hall of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Clothworkers then & there to heare read unto them the Ordinances conteyned in this Booke espially the Ordinance that shall apptaine unto or concerne the Journeymen or any of them of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers And further to receive such order direccon and government as to the Master & Wardens of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers and the Wardens of the Yeomanry of the same Company or any of them for the tyme being shall bee thought meete & convenient and according to the Ordinances in this booke conteyned specifyed & declared And the same every Journeyman according to his power shall obey pforme fullfill and keepe Upon payne that every pson and psons being Journeymen of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers as aforesaid making such defaulte of appearance shall forfeitt and pay for every tyme soe offending Sixe Pence of lawfull English money to bee imployed & bestowed to the use benefitt & comoditie of the Yeomanry of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers.

45. An Ordinance that none shall coulor anie Forreyners goods or teach them theire trade.

Item it is ordered ordeyned and established that if any pson or psons of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers or any other pson or psons whatsoever useing the Arte or Trade of a Clothworker shall att anie tyme or tymes hereafter directly or indirectly coulor any Forreyners goods or them reteine [*sic*] or take into his howse or into any other place by collour to sell the same as his owne pper goodes to any Stranger or Strangers the said pson or psons soe offending shall forfeitt and pay for every such offence to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme being to and for the use of the same Company the sume of Tenn Pounds of lawfull English money **And it is** further ordeyned by theis psente that if any pson or psons of the said Companie or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers or anie other pson or psons whatsoever useing or exercising the said Trade of Clothworker shall at any tyme or tymes hereafter goe or ride into the Country with any Merchant Stranger to learne them to buy there

any manner of Woollen Cloths or Kerseies by meanes whereof great incomodity might ensue to the said Company or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers & divers other Englishe Merchantꝭ within the Realme every such pson soe offending shall forfeitt and pay for every such offence to the said Master & Wardens to the use of the said Company the like sume of Tenn Poundꝭ of lawfull English money.

46. An Ordinance that none shall buy cloathes for anie Stranger or Forreyner in Blackwell Hall.

Item it is ordered ordeyned and established That noe manner of pson or psons of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers shall take into his warehouse or into any other place or shall goe to Blackwell Hall to buy anie manner of Clothes either for a Stranger or Forreyner Upon paine that every pson or psons doing the contrary shall forfeict & pay to the Master & Wardens of the said Company for the tyme being to and for the use of the same Company for every Cloath soe by him or them or any of them bought the sume of Five Poundꝭ of lawfull Englishe money.

47. An Ordinance for every person English Alien Denizen or Forreyner using the Arte of Clothworking to contribute to the charge of the Companie.

Item it is ordeyned That every pson & psons as well English as Aliens Denizens or Forreyners dwelling within the said Citty of London and Suburbs of the same or within such Circuitt or other places as by the lawes of the Realme the said Company are lawfully priviledged or authorised & as well within places priviledged and exempt as not priviledged and exempt That doth or shall heereafter use or exercise the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers or anie thing appertaininge thereunto not being free of the said Companie or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers shall bee contributorie beare and pay unto the said Master Wardens & Assistantꝭ all such reasonable sume & sumes of money for taxes tallagꝭ & other imposicons as well ordinary as extraordinary as shalbee thought good & reasonable to bee assessed upon him or them by the Master Wardens and Assistantꝭ of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers or the more parte of them for the tyme being as well for the necessary service of our Soveraigne Lord the Kingꝭ Majestie his heires & successors as for all & every other affaires causes and thingꝭ whatsoever of and for the comon state & weale of the said Citty in such manner & sorte even as the Freemen of the same Company or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers and other Companyes of the said Citty from tyme to tyme are and shall be charged & according to their abilities And every one that

shall willfully refuse to pay & discharge the same porcon of money which shall bee soe reasonablie assessed taxed or rated upon him shall forfeitt & pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company of Clothworkers for the tyme being to & for the use of the same Company Five Pounds of lawfull money of England for every such offence.

48. An Ordinance for the Clearke of ye Companie to make all the Indentures.

Item it is ordeyned that the Clearke appoynted or heereafter to bee appointed for the said Company or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers for the tyme being shall have the making of all the Indentures for all Apprentices of any Freeman or any other pson of the said Arte or Mistery or any other pson useing or exercisinge the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers within the precincts aforesaid The same Indentures to bee made & written in English and the same Indentures not to be made elsewhere or by any other pson And for the making of every paire of the same Indentures to be payd by the Master of every such Apprentice to the said Clearke three shillings of lawfull money of England & not above And if any of the said psons shall make or cause to bee made any Indentures elsewhere or otherwise Then hee or they to forfeitt and pay to the Master & Wardens of the said Company for the tyme being to the use of the said Company & Fellowshipp the sume of Twentie Shillings of like lawfull money of England for every such offence and the Apprentice soe bound not to bee admitted into the Freedome of the Company.

49. An Ordinance for all apprentices to bee bound within one moneth and to bee presented after.

Item it is ordeyned & established That from henceforth every householder or occupier of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers w^th^in the said Citty or Suburbs of the same or within such Circuitt or other places as by the lawes of the Realme the said Company are priviledged or authorised and all & every other Freeman of the said Company that doth or shall at anie tyme take receive or retayne any pson or psons to bee his Apprentise or Apprentices upon likinge or otherwise shall within one Moneth then next followinge binde the same Apprentice by Indenture and the Apprentice to bee brought to the Comon Hall before the Master and Wardens or some of them there for the tyme being and there to enter and record the said Apprentice name and the title of his Indenture in a Lidgier Booke there and to pay for the presenting for every such Apprentice two shillings and alsoe within one Moneth after that shall present and enroll or cause to bee presented and enrolled the Indenture of the said Apprentice or Apprentices before the Chamberlen of

London or his Deputy according to the usage and custome of the said Citty of London And likewise when the same Apprentice shall have served the full terme of yeares according to his said Indentures Then shall the Master of the said Apprentice for the tyme being bring forthe the said Apprentice before the Master and Wardens of the said Company or some of them and then and there to declare and testify that the said Apprentice hath truly and fully served all and every yeare conteyned in the same Indenture Upon paine that every pson and psons soe offending in any poynte contrary to the true meaning of this ordinance shall forfeitt and pay the sume of Twenty Shillings of lawfull English money for every such offence.

50. An Ordinance for none to take Apprentices but howsehoulders admitted.

Item it is ordeyned That noe Journeyman or any other pson or psons of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers Except hee bee admitted or allowed for an Househoulder by the said Master Wardens and Assistants or the more parte of them for the tyme being shall from henceforth take any Apprentice or Apprentices either bound unto him or sett over unto him Upon paine that every pson soe offending shall forfeitt and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme being to and for the use of the said Company the sume of Fortie Shillings of lawfull English money for every such offence.

51. An Ordinance for the apprentices of the dead to bee ordered by the Ma' and Wardens.

Item it is ordered ordeyned and established That from tyme to tyme at any tyme heereafter when any householder of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers shall fortune to decease having Apprentice or Apprentices and shall make his wife or any other of another Arte Crafte or Mistery his Executor or Executors That then it shall bee lawfull to and for the Master and Wardens of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers for the tyme being or some of them to take all these Apprentices and to bring them to their Comon Hall and there by their discrecons to sett the said Apprentices over to some other men of the said Company to serve out their yeares that they have to serve without any further trouble to ensue thereby **Provided** allwaies that if the wife of any party as aforesaid deceased doe marry one of the said Company of Clothworkers or doe keepe herselfe widdowe still and occupie the said Arte or Mistery That then shee shall and may retayne and keepe still the same Apprentice or Apprentices to serve her or her husband in the same Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers Soe allwayes as the said widdowe doe provide that the said Apprentices and all other Apprentices and

servantſ which she shall retayne and keepe may bee sufficiently taught their occupacõn as may bee well allowed of by the said Master and Wardens of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers.

52. An Ordinance that none shall have above twoe Apprentices att one time except he keepe a Jorneyman.

Item it is ordeyned That from henceforth noe Househoulder of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers shall take any more Apprenticſ either to sheare with the broad sheere or to rowe at the pearch or to cotton or to worke any other handyworke but onely two at once except hee doe keepe from yeare to yeare one Journeyman and soe doinge hee may keepe three Apprenticſ according to the Statute or more in such order as the Statute doth allowe and ꝑmitt and not otherwise and Upon paine that every ꝑson soe offending shall forfeitt and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme being to and for the use of the same for every such offence the sum̃e of Twenty Shillingſ of lawfull English money.

53. An Ordinance for every new Houshoulder in ye twoe first yeares to have but one Apprentice.

Item it is ordered and constituted that from henceforth noe ꝑson of the said Companie or Fellowshipp of the Clothworkers being admitted an houshoulder and useing the handicraft of the Arte or Mistery of a Clothworker shall within the space of two yeares next after his first setting upp of house entertayne or have in his service any more Apprenticſ then only one at one tyme Upon payne that every ꝑson soe offending shall forfeitt and pay the sum̃e of Fortye Shillingſ of lawfull English money for every such offence.

54. An Ordinance that every Ma^r Warden or Assistant using the handicrafte may keepe three Apprentices.

Item it is ordeyned & established that it shall and may bee lawfull for every one being Master Warden or Assistant of the said Company of Clothworkers or that heeretofore hath beene Master Warden or Assistant of the said Company or Fellowshipp and likewise for every one that heereafter shall bee Master Warden or Assistant of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers and shall occupie the handicraft of Clothworking to have and to keepe three Apprenticſ a peece at one tyme and not above Upon payne that every one that doth or shall offend contrary to the true meaning of this Ordinance shall forfeitt and pay for every such offence the sum̃e of Forty Shillingſ of lawfull money of England.

55. An Ordinance that none of the Company shall sett over his Apprentice to anie forreiner without licence.

Item it is ordeyned that noe pson or psons of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers shall from henceforth sett over any pson or psons being once bound to bee his or their Apprentice unto any other pson not being of the said Crafte or Mistery of Clothworkers useing any other occupacõn or handicrafte then the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers without the consent & agreement of the said Master Wardens and Assistantꝭ or the more parte of them for the tyme being Upon paine to forfeitt and pay for every such offence such reasonable fyne or sumẽ of money as by the discrecõn of the said Master & Wardens of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers or the more parte of them shall bee thought meete & convenient soe it doe not exceed the sumẽ of Five Poundꝭ.

56. An Ordinance y^t^ noe Apprentice shalbee sett over to another Ma^r^ but that hee be first recorded in ye Cloathworkers Hall.

Item it is ordered That noe Apprentice shall bee sett over within his terme to any other Master except the same Apprentice and both the Masters doe or shall within one Moneth after their agreement in that behalfe had come before the Master and Wardens or three of them at the least at their Comõn Hall and bring with them the Indentures of Apprentishipp to the end the same setting over may bee recorded in the Comõn Hall Upon paine of forfeiture of sixe shillingꝭ eight pence for every such offence.

57. An Ordinance for the Indentures of Apprentices running away to bee brought to the Hall.

Item it is ordered ordeyned & established That from henceforth when anie Apprentice or Apprenticꝭ shall goe or rũne away or absent him or themselves from his or their Master or Mistris service the Master or Mistris of every such Apprentice soe gonne or runne away or absent shall at some Courte to bee houlden within one Moneth after such departure bring to the Comõn Hall of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers the Indentures of every such Apprentice soe gonne away to the intent that the day of his departure may bee entred and registred upon the same Indenture And likewise that afterwardꝭ when anie such Apprentice shall come to bee brought againe to his said Master or Mistris the same Apprentice shall bee by his said Master or Mistris brought to the said Comõn Hall at some Courte to bee houlden within one Moneth after his said returne or cõminge againe

before the Master & Wardens for the tyme being At which tyme the cause of his departure may bee examined the offence punished & further order taken for the residue of his service according to the discrecõns of the said Master & Wardens for the tyme being soe that noe abuse bee had about his freedome heereafter Upon payne that every such Master or Mistris soe offending contrary to the tenor of this Ordinance shall for every such offence forfeitt and pay the sume of Twenty Shillings of lawfull English money.

58. An Ordinance that none shall lend out his Apprentice to worke with another.

Item it is ordeyned ordered & established That noe househoulder of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers for his private comodity shall putt out or lend forth any of his Apprentices to worke with any other pson of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers to the hindrance or taking away of the living of any such psons as bee free Journeymen of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers Upon paine that every pson soe offending shall forfeitt & pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme being to and for the use of the same the some of Twenty Shillings of lawfull English money for every such offence.

59. An Ordinance that none shall carry burdens or send their apprentices for that purpose.

Item it is ordeyned ordered and established That from henceforth noe household of the Arte Trade or Mistery of Clothworkers useing or exerciseing the Arte Trade or Mistery of a Clothworker shall within the Citty of London or Liberty thereof beare any burthen or carry anie wares or merchandize from place to place for any pson whatsoever or beare any Bucke of Clothes to bee carryed to and from the Thames or other places or to fetch water for any other pson nor shall lend any of his or their Apprentices or servants for any such or the like purposes to any pson whatsoever for that there are divers Porters Waterbearers and others allowed by the custome and order of the Citty in respect of their poverty to releive themselves & to live thereby Upon payne that every household for every tyme soe offending shall forfeitt and pay to the Master Wardens & Comonalty of the said Company to and for the use of the same Company the sume of Tenn Shillings of lawfull English money.

60. An Ordinance for every person to bee contributarie to the charge of ye Companie.

Item it is ordeyned ordered & established That if any pson or psons now being of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers or that heereafter shall

bee admitted or allowed into the same Company or Fellowshipp doe or shall refuse or deny to beare and pay his or their reasonable partꝭ porcõns contribucõns taxacõns & assessmentꝭ of such dueties & charges as shall bee at any tyme heereafter assessed & rated by the Master Wardens & Assistantꝭ of the said Company or Fellowshipp for the tyme being or the more parte of them to be payd & leavyed for & towardꝭ any necessary service of our Soveraigne Lord the Kingꝭ Majesty his heires and successors as alsoe for the affaires buisnes [*sic*] & needfull occasion which shall concerne the cõmon utility ꝑfitt or maintenaunce of the said Company or Fellowshipp for the tyme being That then the ꝑson or ꝑsons soe refuseing for every such offence shall forfeite & pay such reasonable sum̃e or sum̃es of money as to the Master Wardens and Assistantꝭ or the more parte of them shall bee thought meete and convenient soe it exceede not the sum̃e of Tenn Poundꝭ.

61. An Ordinance that noe person using the trade of a Cloathworker shall worke on ye Sabboth daie.

Item it is ordeyned established and decreed That if any ꝑson or ꝑsons of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers or any other ꝑson or ꝑsons whatsoever useing or exercisinge the Arte Trade or Mistery of a Clothworker doe worke or sett on worke or procure any other person or persons to worke on the Saboath Day cõmonly called Sunday Then hee or they which shall soe doe or cause or procure to bee soe done shall for every tyme soe offending forfeitt and pay to the Master Wardens & Cominalty of the said Company or Fellowshipp for the tyme being to and for the use and benefitt of the poore thereof the sum̃e of Tenn Shillingꝭ of lawfull money of England.

62. An Ordinance to avoide misrules of Servantes upon the Sabboath daies and holy daies.

Item for asmuch as there hath been and that there is at this tyme great disorder and abuse as well amongst the Apprenticꝭ and Journeymen of the said Arte or Misterie of Clothworkers in haunting and frequenting of Tavernes Alehowses & Playes and such like places of evill rule and disorder and in useing of unlawfull games & playes in the feildes and in their Masters houses upon the Sundayes and holy dayes for that there bee very few that governe their Servantꝭ as they ought to bee governed the very roote of many notable inconveniencꝭ in the Cõmon wealth for reformacõn whereof it is ordered ordeyned and established That from henceforth every householder of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers shall have and use a diligent care and heede to see his Apprenticꝭ and Journeymen to goe to the

Church to heare divine service or to some other place where Gods Word is and shall bee preached at due tymes of the day and alsoe to spend the rest of the same Sundaies and Holydaies in some honest & lawfull exercises with their Masters lycence and not in haunting of Alehowses Tavernes Playes unlawfull games or such like Upon payne that every househoulder soe offending contrary to this Ordinance shall forfeitt and pay for every such offence the sume of Tenn Shillings of lawfull English money and every Journeyman for every such offence Twoe Shillings And it is further ordered that every Apprentice offendinge contrary to this Ordinance shall receive such convenient punishment as shall bee thought meete by the good discrecon of the Master and Wardens of the said Company or Fellowshipp for the tyme being to the example of others in the like case offending.

63. An Ordinance for controversies to bee decided by the Mar and Wardens.

Item it is ordeyned ordered and established That from henceforth if any discord strife or debate at any tyme heereafter shall fortune to happen for anie cause or matter whatsoever it bee betwixte one householder and another or householders and others of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers or betweene them or any of their Journeymen or Apprentices or betweene any of the aforesaid psons or any others of the said Arte or Misterie of Clothworkers which without prejudice of or to the lawes of the Realme maie bee appeased and reformed by good meanes That then the said parties before they move or attempt by course of law any suite betweene them or one against the other in that behalfe shall first shew their matter and cause of their greife with the circumstances of the same to the Master and Wardens of the said Company of Clothworkers for the tyme being or some of them to the intent that by their good discrecons some quiett order & good ende maie bee taken therein to the satisfaccon of such parties & by their assent according to the right and equitie in eschewinge further trouble & suite of lawe And if it shall seeme to the said Master and Wardens or the more parte of them that the matter is difficult and beyond their capacities to ende and determine the same for lacke of better understandinge of the lawes of the Realme or the Customes of the said Citty of London That then anie of the said parties soe greived as aforesaid may take their remeadye one against the other by order of lawe without any further lycence to bee obteyned & had at the handes of the said Master & Wardens or any of them in that behalfe But if the said Master and Wardens or the more parte of them for the tyme being shall ende and determyne any cause matter or thinge betweene anie of the said parties in forme aforesaid by assent of the parties and yet neverthelesse the said person or persons having any matter or cause ended

before them will afterwardes prosecute and followe suite in lawe the one against the other without lycence had and obtayned in that behalfe soe to doe of the said Master and Wardens for the tyme beinge or the more parte of them Then the person soe offending shall forfeitt and pay the sume of Fortie Shillinge of lawfull English money at the least or a greater sume such as shall bee thought meete and reasonable by the said Master Wardens and Assistante or the more parte of them accordinge to the greatnesse of the matter or cause in controversie betweene them soe it exceede not the sume of Twentie Poundes.

64. An Ordinance that none shall disclose the secretts of the Companie.

Item it is ordeyned that if the said Master Warden[s] and Assistante of the said Companie or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers for the tyme being or any of them doe or shall at anie tyme hereafter reveale declare or disclose to any person or persons any the lawfull Conferences or Consultacons of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers tendinge to the blame hurte or prejudice of any other of the said Company or Fellowshipp or to the prejudice and hindrance of the comon weale of the said Company or Fellowshipp That then hee or they soe offendinge shall upon due proofe thereof had or made for that cause bee removed and exempted out of and from his or their said office or offices and discharged out of the Livery of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers and soe to remaine and continue as a person exempted untill such tyme as hee or they shall upon submission and reconciliacon bee taken againe.

65. An Ordinance that the Mar Wardens and Assistants maie appointe Assessors and Collectors.

Item it is further ordered and established that the Master Wardens and Assistante of the said Company or the more parte of them shall have full power and authority by these presente to nominate elect and choose from tyme to tyme sixe five or fowre persons of the said Company to assesse or taxe the Brethren of the said Fellowshipp for anie sume or sumes of money to bee leavyed gathered or had for the service of his Majestie or for the worshipp of the said Company or for anie other matter or thinge touchinge or concerninge the necessity affayres or busines of the said Companie And that the said Master Wardens and Assistante shall have full power and authority to nominate and appointe Collectors for the leavyinge receivinge or gatheringe of the said sume or sumes of money soe taxed or assessed and that every person soe nominated elected and chosen shall take upon him and execute the same Upon payne of forfeiture of Three Pounde for every default without a lawfull

and sufficient excuse such as shall bee allowed of by the Master Wardens and Assistantes of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge.

66. An Ordinance to declare the number of the Assistants.

Item it is further decreed and established explained and declared that where mencion is made in these presentes of any acte matter or thinge to bee had made or done by the Master Wardens and Assistantes or the more parte of them or by their assent consent or judgement that the same shall bee understood that there shall bee present in person thereat the Master or his Deputy and the Fowre Wardens or two of them at the least and Twelve of the Assistantes at the least. It is further ordered explained and decreed that there the voyces assent or government or the more parte of the persons aforesaid soe beinge present shall bee sufficient and avayleable for any matter or thinge before or heereafter in these presentes mencõned or specified.

67. An Ordinance that the Mar Wardens and Assistantes maie pardon and mittigate fines.

Item it is further ordered That the Master Wardens and Assistantes for the time being or the more parte of them being present shall have full power and authoritie from tyme to tyme by their good discrecõns to mittigate diminishe forgive or pardon any of the fyne or fynes penaltie or penalties paymentes taxes or assessmentes in these p̃sentes mencõned any thinge or matter in these p̃sentes specified to the contrary notwithstandinge.

68. An Ordinance for punishing of such as shalbee obstinate and unruly.

Item it is ordered ordeyned and established that every person and persons of the said Company or Fellowshipp and every other person or persons useing or being free of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers inhabiting or dwellinge within the said Citty of London or Suburbs of the same or within such Circuite or other places as by the lawes of the Realme the said Companie are priviledged or authorised shall bee of good and honest behaviour and bearing as well in their wordes as in their deedes towardes the Master Wardens and Assistantes of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers and to bee and shewe themselves tractable conformable and obedient touching all and every their lawfull constitucõns ordinances causes and matters touchinge the said Arte or Misterie of Clothworkers And if any person or persons of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers or anie other useing

or exercising the said Arte or Misterie within the said Citty of London the Suburbs of the same or within such Circuite or other places as by the lawes of the Realme the said Company are priviledged or authorised shall att anie tyme heereafter bee found wilfull obstinate or disobedient against the said Master Wardens and Assistantſ or any of them to the lett hindrance or disturbance of the due execucion of anie their offices Or if any person or persons of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers doe or shall take upon him or them to make any privie Assemblie Councells or secret Conventicles or attempte against the said Master Wardens and Assistantſ or any of them for the tyme being for or to the violacõn or breach of any rule ordinance or order now being or heereafter to bee by them all or the more parte of them had made and devised for the good government of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers That then the said person or persons soe offending shall forfeitt and pay such reasonable sume or sumes of money as shall bee assessed upon him or them soe offending by the said Master Wardens and Assistantſ or the more parte of them for the tyme being soe it exceede not the sume of Five Poundſ.

69. An Ordinance that none of the Companie shall use anie undecent or uncomly speeches to the Mar Wardens or Assistantes.

Item it is ordered ordained and established That if any person or persons being of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers as aforesaid or useing the same Arte or Misterie shall with any undecent foule or uncomely speeches reproove misuse threaten or slander the Master Wardens and Assistantſ of the said Company or Fellowshipp or any of them for the tyme being or shall in any wise unjustly or wrongfully practise or attempte any thinge which maie bee slanderous and hurtfull to the said Master Wardens and Assistantſ or any of them That then every such person and persons soe offendinge shall forfeitt and pay for every such offence such sume and sumes of money as shall bee assessed upon him or them soe offending by the said Master Wardens and Assistantſ or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge according to the qualitie of the offence soe it exceede not the sume of Five Poundſ for every such offence And if anie person or persons soe offending bee not able to pay the said Fyne of Five Poundes then hee shalbee punished by the discrecõn of the said Master Wardens and Assistantſ or the more parte of them for the tyme beinge.

70. An Ordinance that none of the Companie shall doe the like to any inferiour person.

Item it is likewise ordered That if any person or persons beeing of the said Com[p]any or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers as aforesaid or occupying or useing the

said Arte or Mistery shall with any undecent foule or uncomely speeches reproove misuse or slander any inferiour person or persons of the said Company or Fellowshipp to the said Master Wardens or Assistantes in the Ordinance last afore recited or shall in any wise unjustly or wrongfully practise or attempte anie thinge which may bee slanderous or hurtfull to any of them That then every such person and persons soe offendinge shall forfeitt and pay for every such offence such sume and sumes of money as shall bee assessed upon him or them soe offendinge by the said Master Wardens and Assistantes or the more parte of them for the tyme being accordinge to the qualitie of the same faulte soe it exceede not the sume of Fortie Shillinges.

71. An Ordinance that none of the Companie shall strike or assaulte anie of the same Company.

Item it is ordeyned ordered and established That if any person or persons being free of the said Company or Fellowshipp as aforesaid or which shall use the same Arte or Mistery shall strike or make any assaulte or affray or use any violence in fightinge or quarrellinge towardes any of the same Company or Fellowshipp and the [same] soe duely prooved against him or them by the testimony of one or two honest witnesses before the Master Wardens and twelve of the Assistantes at the least for the tyme beinge That then the same pson or persons soe offendinge shall forfeit and pay such reasonable sume and sumes of money as shall bee assessed upon him or them soe offending by the said Master Wardens and Assistantes or the more parte of them for the tyme being soe as it exceede not the sume of Twenty Shillinges for any one offence And if any person or persons soe offendinge bee not able to pay the said Fyne of Twentie Shillinges then hee shall bee punished by the discrecon of the Master Wardens and Assistantes or the more parte of them for the tyme being.

72. An Ordinance that if anie Mar or Warden bee remiss or partiall in the executing of the Ordinances he shall bee fined.

Item it is ordered ordeyned and decreed That if the said Master and Wardens of the said Companie or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers for the tyme being or any of them at any tyme heereafter shall bee found parciall careles remisse or negligent and not indifferent in executing the said Actes and Ordinances heeretofore or heereafter expressed in this Booke of Ordinances or else att any tyme heereafter for favour or affecc̃on towardes any person or persons whatsoever shall forbeare to execute their office as they ought to doe soe that for meede favour or dread the good Ordinances of the said Companie or Fellowshipp shall bee violated dispensed withall discontinued infringed or broken to the hindrance of the common wealth and of the good and

necessarie government rule order and correcc̃on of the said Companie or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers accordinge to the true intent of the Ordinances heretofore or heereafter in this Booke of Ordinances specified That then the Master and every Warden that shall bee founde soe defective and faultie in soe doinge upon a due proofe thereof had before the rest of such officers of Master and Wardens as shall not bee found culpable therein and of Twelve Assistantꝭ at the least of the said Companie or Fellowshipp of the Clothworkers shall forfeitt and pay for every such offence such sum̃e and sum̃es of money as shall bee assessed and sett downe by the rest of the said officers and twelve of the Assistantꝭ at the least aforesaid accordinge to the qualitie of his or their offence or offences soe it exceede not the sum̃e of Tenn Poundꝭ of lawfull Englishe money for everie such offence.

73. An Ordinance to declare the manner of levying the penalties and fines due by these Ordinances.

Item it is ordered ordeyned and established That if anie person or persons of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers or any other useinge or exercising the said Arte or Misterie of Clothworkers or anie thinge concerninge the same of what degree of condic̃on hee or they bee dwellinge or inhabiting within the said Citty of London the Suburbes of the same in Southwarke or within such Circuite or other places as by the lawes of the Realme the said Companie are priviledged or authorized that doe or shall infringe breake or not observe any Acte or Ordinance in these presentꝭ expressed or shall or will at any tyme hereafter wilfully deny refuse delaye or deferr to pay his quarterage and other duties or to pay such sum̃e and sum̃es of money as shall happen at anie tyme heereafter to bee orderly assessed or due to bee paid for anie payment penaltye or forfeiture for the breakinge and not observinge of anie of the aforesaid Ordinances in these presentꝭ lymitted and appointed That then it shall bee lawfull to the said Master Wardens and Assistantꝭ of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers or any two of them for the tyme being to enter into the house or houses chambers boothes shopps warehouses sollors cellers or other place or places of him or them soe denying refusing delaying or deferring to pay such paines penalties forfeitures or sum̃es of money soe by him or them due and payable and there to distreyne for such sum̃e or sum̃es of money as shall bee then soe due and payable And the same goodes wares and utensiles soe distreyned to take beare and carry away and the same to detayne and keepe untill the sum̃e and sum̃es of money for the which the same shall bee distreyned bee satisfyed and payd to the uses in these present Ordinancꝭ before menc̃oned and expressed.

74. An Ordinance to declare to whome the fines and penalties herein mentioned shall appertaine.

Item it is ordered and established that all the paines penalties fynes and forfeitures to bee due by force of any of these ordinances or lawes being not otherwise appointed shall bee payd to the Master and Wardens of the said Companie or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers of the Cittie of London and shall bee by them imployed and bestowed to the utility benefitt and maintenance of the said Companie or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers.

75. An Ordinance for the Oath of the Ma^r and Wardens.

Item it is further ordered that the Oathes to bee taken by the Master Wardens and Assistante aforesaid from tyme to tyme shall bee as after followeth and may appeare (videlicet)

You and every of you shall bee true to our Soveraigne Lord the Kinge Majestie and to his heires and lawfull successors Kinge and Queenes of England And you and every of you shall indeavour yourselves to the best you can justly and indifferently to execute and cause to be executed your office in every respect to the benefitt of the common weale of the Kinge Majesties subjecte and the creditt of your Company And you shall likewise execute or cause to be executed all the good and lawfull Ordinances in this Booke of Ordinances expressed without sparing of anie man for affecc̃on reward meede dread or promise of reward dureing the tyme you shall bee in the same office of Master and Wardens and of all manner of dueties forfeytures fynes and of all and of every such goodes plate jewells som̃es of money or any other thinge or thinge that by reason of your said offices shall come to any of your handes you shall according to the Ordinances before specified make a good true and plaine accompte or else pay such fynes as yee bee ordered to pay by the said Ordinance for your not soe doeing Yee shall not for malice nor for love or affecc̃on assesse any person or persons in a greater or lesse sum̃e then after the quantitie and quality of his offence according to your discrec̃on and accordinge to the Ordinances of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers Soe helpe you God.

76. The Oath of the Assistantes.

You shall sweare That you and every one of you shall bee true to our Soveraigne Lord the Kinge Majestie and to his heires and successors Kinges and Queenes of England and you and every one of you shall endeavour yourselves the best you can as well for and concerning the giving and useing of your faithfull advices and councells unto the Master and Wardens of the Company or Fellowshipp of the Arte

or Misterie of Clothworkers for the more better execucõn of the said offices And alsoe to give and use your faithfull aydes and assistances in every respect as much as in you lyeth for the due observacõn of all the good and lawfull Ordinances mencõned and expressed and accordinge to the intent and true meaninge of the same without molesting or impeachinge of any person or persons either for affecõn or malice or for or in respect of any reward meede dread or promise of reward during the tyme that you shall bee Assistante touchinge the said Company or Fellowshipp of Clothworkers Soe helpe you God.

77. An Ordinance for other Oathes The Oath for everie one at his admission into ye freedome of the Companie.

Item it is further ordered that the Oathes heereafter mencõned shall by the severall persons heereafter named bee likewise taken as after doth followe and appeare (That is to saie)

You shall bee true to our Soveraigne Lord the Kinge Majestie his heires and successors Kinge and Queenes of England Yee shall well and truly observe mayntaine and keepe to your power all the good lawes ordinances statutes and decrees alreadie made or heereafter to bee made for the government of the Company or Fellowshipp of the Arte or Misterie of Clothworkers for the better skill of the said Arte or Misterie and for the comon profitt and comoditie of the said Companie or Fellowshipp Yee shall bee obedient from tyme to tyme and at all times in all lawfull matters to the Master Wardens and Assistante of the said Companie or Fellowshipp and yee shall come att all tymes unto them or any of them upon a lawfull sumons either of Clearke or Beadle or of any others by them being lawfully enjoyned or comaunded soe to doe having noe lawfull or reasonable excuse to the contrary or else you shall pay such penalties as you shall forfeitt by your disobedience accordinge to the lawfull Ordinances of the said Companie or Fellowshipp All the lawfull councells of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie as att any tyme of Assemblie that shall bee in comunicacõn amongst the said Companie or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Mistery at your Common Hall you shall keepe secrett and not disclose the same to any person beinge none of the said Companie or Fellowshipp and especially to any such person whome the said matter doth concerne and touch Soe helpe you God.

78. The Oath of the Clearke.

You shall bee true to our Soveraigne Lord the Kinge Majestie and to his heires and successors Kinge and Queenes of England you shall bee obedient to the Master Wardens and Assistante of the said Companie or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or

Mistery of Clothworkers for the tyme being and soe from tyme to tyme in all their lawfull direccõns and comaundements concerninge the said Company You shall reade all the Ordinances and make due and true entries when as the Master and Wardens shall comaund you without sparing any person for affeccõn lucre or malice You shall not deliver the copies of any Bookes concerninge the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Mistery nor anie Articles whereby the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Mistery maie take hurte neither shew the same Bookes to any manner of pson or persons without the consent comaundement and agreement of the said Master and Wardens or some of them for the tyme beinge and in each poynt soe farre as you can execute your office Soe helpe you God.

79. The Oath of the Beadles.

You shall bee true to our Soveraigne Lord the Kings Majestie his heirs and successors Kings and Queenes of England You shall bee obedient to the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers for the tyme being and soe from tyme to time you shall give your attendance upon them and use your diligence at all tymes accordinge to the trust that shall bee comitted unto you in any such affaires as you shall have to doe for or concerning the said Company or Fellowshipp either in any message or any other buisnes [*sic*] that you shalbee by them or any of them appointed unto within this Citty of London and Suburbes of the same and especially in sumoninge any of the said Company or Fellowshipp at such tyme as you shall be thereunto commaunded Soe helpe you God.

80. The Oath of the free Denizens.

You shall sweare that you shall be good and true to our Soveraigne Lord the Kings Majestie that now is and to his heires and successors Kings and Queenes of England the Kings peace to your powers yee shall keepe and to the Master and Wardens of the Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Misterie of Clothworkers yee shall bee obedient and to their successors and that none of your servants shall sett upp any house or shopp of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers according to the Acte of Parliament made in the fowerteenth and fifteenth yeare of our late Soveraigne Lord Kinge Henry the Eight And allsoe yee shall not make any Congregacõn nor consent to any misdoers against the Kings Majesties peace but that you give knowledge thereof to the Kings Majesties officers for the tyme being Allsoe the lawfull Councells of this house yee shall well and truly keepe

And that yee shall not maintayne nor sett on worke any other mans servant untill that yee know that hee bee honestly departed from his Master Upon paine to forfeitt and pay the sume of Fortie Shillinge of lawfull English money Alsoe you shall bee obedient to all sumons assigned by the Master and Wardens for the tyme being in paine of forfeiture for the first offence twelvepence for the second two shillinge and for the nexte and every like after three shillinge and foure pence of lawfull English money without lawfull excuse All these Articles you shall well and truly keepe to your power Soe helpe you God.

81. An Ordinance for observation of all the Ordinances.

Finally it is ordeyned That all and every person and persons which now dwelleth and inhabitteth or which heereafter shall dwell and inhabitt within the Citty of London and the Suburbes or within three myles compas of the same as well Strangers Denizens and Forreyners as alsoe Freemen that doe occupie any of the said Arte or Misterie of Clothworkers or any thinge or thinge appertaininge or in any wise belonging to the same shall obey observe and keepe all the Ordinances and Rules before mencõned And that as well they as the worke made by them shall bee under the search viewe and correcõn of the Master and Wardens of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers aforesaid for ever as concerning the said Arte or Mistery and every parte thereof And what person or persons soever hee or they bee that shall offend in any of the said Ordinances or Articles shall forfeitt for every tyme soe doing as before is specified to the Master Wardens Assistante and Cominaltie of the said Arte or Mistery And payment shall bee thereof made to the Master and Wardens of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers for the tyme being to bee imployed by them with the assent of Twelve of the said Assistante for the tyme being at the least to the uses before mencõned.

All which Ordinances Constitucõns and Oathes in manner and forme aforesaid at the request of the Master Wardens and Cominaltie of Freemen of the said Arte or Mistery of Clothworkers by vertue and authority of the said Acte of Parliament made in the said Nyneteenth yeare of Kinge Henry the Seaventh Wee the said Lord Keeper and Cheife Justices of either Bench aforesaid have seene perused and examined and fully considered and for good and lawdable Ordinances Constitucõns and Oathes wee doe accepte allowe and admitt And by these presente as much as in us is or resteth doe ratifie confirme allowe and approove In witnes whereof to these presente wee the said Lord Keeper and Cheife Justices have subscribed our

names and sett our Seales the Eighteenth daie of Apriłł in the Fifteenth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord Charles by the grace of God Kinge of England Scotland Fraunce and Ireland Defendor of the Fayth, &c.

THO: COVENTRYE, *C*[n.] L.S.

JOHN BRAMSTON. L.S.

JO: FINCH. L.S.

Three Seals attached.

APPENDIX.

Appointments or Ordinances

OF THE ART AND BROTHERHOOD CALLED IN ENGLISH

SHERMEN-CRAFTE

AND THE BRETHREN OF THE FRATERNITY OF THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

IN THE HOUSE OF THE FRIARS AUGUSTINE IN THE CITY OF LONDON.

ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE JOHN DRUELLE,—DOCTOR OF LAWS, OFFICIAL OF THE EPISCOPAL CONSISTORY OF LONDON,—IN A CERTAIN UPPER HALL CALLED LUMBARDESHALL, WITHIN THE SAID HOUSE OF THE SAID BRETHREN, 27 FEBRUARY, 1452–3, 31 HEN. VI., 4 POPE NICHOLAS V.[1]

Universis Christi fidelibus ad quos præsentes litteræ sive præsens publicum instrumentum pervenerint sive pervenerit et quos infrascripta tangunt seu tangere poterunt quomodolibet in futurum JOHANNES DRUELLE utriusque juris doctor Officialis Consistorii Episcopalis Londoniæ salutem in Domino ac fidem indubiam præsentibus adhibere. Ad vestræ universitatis notitiam deducimus et innotesci volumus per præsentes quod discreti viri WILLIELMUS BETTE, JOHANNES HUNGERFORD et JOHANNES BAKER, cives Civitatis Londoñ, Gardiani Artis vocati in Anglicis Shermencrafte Civitatis Londoñ, necnon

JOHANNES WHITEFELD	THOMAS GRONDE
WILLIELMUS BUTTE	JOHANNES FISSHER
WILLIELMUS SPALDYNG	RICARDUS PARTRICHE
ROBERTUS TOPCLIF	JOHANNES DEWYKE
JOHANNES GADDE	JOHANNES PHILLIPPE
RICARDUS HERBERD	JOHANNES NOTYNGH'M
WILLIELMUS BALDEWYN	JOHANNES HARRY
JOHANNES TREWYNNARD	THOMAS OVEREY
HENRICUS PHILLIPPE	LAURENCIUS PICOT
RICARDUS HARFORD	RICARDUS DAUNCE
JOHANNES STANLAKE	DAVID KYRIE
JOHANNES HOPKYN	WILLIELMUS HARIOT
JOHANNES BIFORDE	HENRICUS KYNG
THOMAS MERSSHE	ROBERTUS ANGEVYN
WILLIELMUS KEE	ROBERTUS NORTHLAND

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Johannes Davy
Johannes Daunson
Johannes Plunket
Willielmus Dixon
Johannes Laudesdale
Thomas Draper
Johannes Bronde
Thomas Hoddesdon
Johannes Hopton
Johannes Broun
Johannes Blakborn
Willielmus Basele
Thomas Fraunceys
Johannes Scottys
Willielmus Colman
Thomas Flete
Hugo Hilkot
Stephanus Martyn
Johannes Essex
Henricus Warer
Willielmus Benett
Robertus Leuyse
Johannes Traves
Ricardus Clerk
Thomas Bedford et
Johannes Bolton

Cives ac liberi homines ejusdem Artis et Civitatis ac fratres Fraternitatis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis in domo fratrum Augustinensium ejusdem Civitatis London' majorem et saniorem partem in duplo omnium Civium et liberorum hominum ac fratrum dictarum Artis et Fraternitatis ut asseruerunt facientes coram nobis officiali antedicto in quadam aula superiori vocata Lumbardeshall infra dictam domum fratrum situata pro tribunali sedente personaliter comparuerunt. Et ex consequenti præfati Willielmus Bette, Johannes Hungyrford et Johannes Baker gardiani prædicti tam nominibus propriis quam omnium aliorum singulorum supradictorum quædam appunctuamenta sive ordinationes in Anglicis scripta de eorum expresso concensu et per ipsos ad Dei laudem et honorem dictæ Beatæ Virginis ipsiusque Artis et Fraternitatis incrementa et sustentationem pauperum ut asseruerunt facta et ordinata tunc ibidem exhibuerunt coram nobis.

Unde nos Johannes officialis antedictus in hac parte ulterius legitime procedentes præmissa appunctuamenta sive ordinationes omnia et singula in præsentia dictorum gardianorum ac omnium aliorum et singulorum suprascriptorum per Magistrum Thomam Mawyell notarium publicum scribam nostrum et per nos in hac parte assumptum et deputatum distincte et aperte perlegi mandavimus atque fecimus. Quibus quidem appunctuamentis sive ordinationibus sic ut præmittitur lectis et intellectis suprascripti gardiani ac alii omnes et singuli fratres et liberi homines dictarum artis et fraternitatis tunc præsentes asseruerunt et affirmarunt hujusmodi appunctuamenta et ordinationes ex eorum certa scientia et notitia procedisse atque emanasse, nobis humiliter supplicantes et supplicarunt quatinus ipsa ordinationes sive appunctuamenta auctoritate qua fungimur in hac parte confirmare et auctorizare dignaremur juxta juris exigenciam. Et quia Nos Johannes Officialis antedictus per nonnulla documenta aliasque probationes legitimas evidenter invenimus et comperimus præmissa appunctuamenta sive ordinationes ex causis veris rationabilibus et legitimis fuisse et esse confecta et ordinata Igitur dicta appunctuamenta sive ordinationes tanquam juri consona in quantum possumus de jure et debemus auctoritate qua supra confirmavimus et auctorizavimus prout ea sic tenore præsencium confirmavimus et auctorizavimus Ipsaque appunctuamenta sive ordinationes omnia et singula per omnes et singulos dictarum Artis et Fraternitatis fratres et liberos homines ac eorum successores imposterum observanda et perimplenda fore sub pœnis in hujusmodi appunctuamentis sive ordinationibus plenius descriptis decrevimus et decernimus per præsentes consequenter quidem tunc ibidem præfati Willielmus Bett, Johannes Hungirford et Johannes Baker et alii omnes et singuli dictæ Artis et Fraternitatis suprascripti personaliter constituti coram nobis tactis per eos et eorum quemlibet Sacrosanctis Evangeliis ad ea jurarunt et quilibet ipsorum juravit hujusmodi appunctuamenta sive ordinationes omnia et singula sub pœnis in eisdem limitatis debite et fideliter adimplere et observare. Proviso semper quod licebit majori et saniori parti Artis et Fraternitatis prædictæ et suis successoribus hujusmodi appunctuamenta sive ordinationes corrigere emendare aut reformare eisdemve addere sive ab eisdem detrahere prout utilitati et commodo Artis et Fraternitatis prædictæ magis videbitur expedire, hujusmodi

nostris confirmatione et auctorizatione sive discreto ac aliis præmissis per nos et coram nobis gestis atque factis in aliquo non obstantibus.

Verus tenor dictorum appunctuamentorum sive ordinationum sequitur et est talis :—

In the name of the Blessid Trinite Father Sone and Holy Gost, owre blessyd Lady Seint Marie Moder of Jhu Criste and of all the holy compani of Heven, We William Bette, John Hungirford and John Baker Citezeins of the Citee of London Wardeyns of ye Craft callyd Shermencraft of the Citee of London, and John Whitefeld, William Butte, William Spaldyng, Robert Topclif, John Gadde, Richard Harberd, William Baldwyn, John Trewynnard, Harry Phillyppe, Richard Herford, John Stanlake, John Hopkyn, John Byford, Thomas Mersshe, William Kee, Thomas Gronde, John Fyssher, Richard Partrich, John Devyke, John Philypp, John Notnyham, John Harry, Thomas Overey, Laurans Picot, Richard Daunce, David Kyrie, William Harriott, Harri King, Robert Angewyn, Robert Northland, William Tomlynson, John Davy, John Daunson, John Plunket, William Dixon, John Laudesdale, Thomas Draper, John Bronde, Thomas Hoddesdon, John Hopton, John Broune, John Blaborn, William Basele, Thomas Fraunceys, John Scott, William Colman, Thomas Flete, Hugh Hilcot, Stewyne Martyn, John Essex, Harry Warer, William Benett, Robart Levyse, John Traves, Richard Clerke, Thomas Bedford, and John Bolton Citezeins and Fremen of the Craft and Mistere of Shermen of the Citee of London for the more incres and continuans of brothyrly love to be had among us and owre successours goode ensample from thys tyme forthward unto the honour of Almyghti God oure Lady Seint Marie and all seintys above sayd and unto thentente that there schalbe founde a perpetuall lyght of xiij tapers in the chyrche of Frere Austeyns in the Citee of London beforesayd afore the ymage of oure sayd Lady for to brenne there unto hyr worchip by licence, auctorite and power to us yeven in thys behalf of the Maire and Communalte of the sayd Citee begynne erecte ordeyne and make of oure silfe a Fraternite or yelde amonge us and of us and of other of the seyd Mistere or Crafte havyng affeccione to the same Fraternite to be callyd the Brethyrhede of oure Lady of the Craft of Shermen of London for the sustentacion perpetuall of the seyd lyght and for du correccion reformacion and good rule and governaunce of the same Crafte or Mystere for evyr hereaftyr to be had and contynued in oure dayes of three wardeyns and of the brethern and sustren heraftyr atte all tymes to be had receivyd and admittyd in to the same Fraternite successifly for evyr more aftyr the ordinances of appunctuamentis here aftyr wryten in the seyd Crafte be us and oure successours to be kep in fourme as folewyth.

First we ben accordid and ordeyne that every persone of the seyd Fraternite be bounde for to susteyne and mayntene the seyd lyght of xiij tapres of waxe to brenne before the sayd ymage of oure Lady in the seyd Chirche of the Frere Austeyns for the prosperite and welfare of alle brethern and sustren of the seyd Fraternite beyng on lyve and for the sowlys of all them of the same Fraternite that be passyd oute of thys mortal lyfe or here aftyr schal so passe and for the sowles of all cristen aftyr imposicion as the wardeyns of the same Craft and twelve councelers to them to be ordeyned in fourme hereaftyr more playnly rehersyd schall charge or the more partie of the seyd nombre of xvne schall do, charge and ordeyne.

Also that the brethern and sustren of the seyd Fraternite every yere the Sonday nexte aftyr the Feste of the Assumpcion of oure more blessyd Lady Seynt Marie assemble in ther clothyng att wat place that the wardeyns schall assigne unto them wythin the seyd Citee and fro that place goo honestly and worschipfully unto the chyrche of the Frere Austyns and there here masse by note praying specialy for the goode spede and welfare of all the brethren and sustren of the seyd Fraternite beyng on lyve and for the sowles of the same Fraternite that beñ passyd out of thys mortall lyf and for alle crysten sowles and than there every brothyr and sustyr offre att the masse j d. and that the same brethyrn and sustren come the same day at aftyr none to the seyd chyrche of freres to *Dirige* and so on the morowe to the Masse of *Requiem* and every brother and suster offre j d. and from thens to goo honestly togyddyr unto theyr dener where as the wardeyns assygneth them and then to make theyr eleccion of iij wardeyns whyche schalbe aswell

wardeyns of the seyd Crafte or Mistere as of the seyd Fraternite to rule and governe the same Craft or Mistere and the same Fraternite during a yere next folwing and in cas that any of the seyd wardeyns passe oute of thys mortall lyf whithyn that yere hys ij felawes schall occupye and kepe the charge of that ocupacion for that yere withoute ony eleccion of any othyr into ys place to be made in ony vise and then on the Tuesday folwing to come to theire brekefaste unto the same place aforeseyd and there and thanne every brothyr to paye for hys dyner aforeseyd and yf eny brothyr in the seyd Citee without cause lawfull absent him from thes masses *Dirige* and dyner he schalle pay for ys absentyng vnto the seyd lyght iij s. iiij d. and thanne with ynne xiiij dayys aftyr the same tyme the seyd wardeyns schall do call all the seid brethern and sustren and they there schall make their eleccion of xij persones discrete sad and welavised for the noble and worthi of them for to assiste helpe and councell the seid wardeyns in all thinges concernyng the rule and governaunce of the seid Bretherhede Crafte and Mistere as the ordinaunces ther vpon made schall require aftir the forme tenure and effect of the same ordinaunces and the same day the seyd newe wardeyns shall take the charge of the olde wardeyns wythynne hem selfe for the charges that perteynyd or may perteyne of the seyd Brethyrhede Crafte and Mistere and he that ys electe and chosen for a wardeyn and warnyd in thys partie and absenteth him withouten resonable cause determinable by the othe of hym that ys absente to be made and sworne before the wardeyns withouten fraude and male engyne shall pay unto the seyd lyght and Brethyrhede and for sustenaunce of the pouere men xl s.

Also that the wardeyns that be for the yere chosyn and chargyd kepe iiij quarter dayes that ys for to sey whiteyn a fouretenyght after Mighelmasse the ferst day and thanne the olde wardeyns of the yere before to brynge yn theyre accompt to the newe wardeyns and to theyre Felawschyp in peyne xx s. to the use of the same Crafte to be payd and the ij day withyn xiiij daies aftir Cristmas and the iij day withyn xiiij dayys aftyr Ester and the iiij[the] daye withyn xiiij days aftyr Midsummyr and they schal at eche of thes quarter daies do call all their felawschip and there to do rede and declare all the poyntes and articles belonging unto the seyd Crafte and Fraternite to all the felawshyp that they may wel undirstond them and kepe them that they falle notte in the peynes conteyned in the same and than yf yt may be founde that ony of the felawship have forfetyd in any of thys articles afore declaryd or aftyr folwyng he to be punysshed aftyr the same paynes and that the wardeyns that be for the yere kepe wel and trewly alle thes quarter dayys and rules that lyeth in them to be don uppon peyne above rehercod and if so be that ony of the wardeyns kepe not there quarter dayys and rules aforeseid or be found fawty in any of there articles be the seid xij persones or the more partie of them that he thanne renne in peyne of xl s. to be payd unto the boxe to the susteynyng of oure Lady Lyght and of the pouere men and the peynes and forfetis so doon to be resid be the wardeyns nexte yere folwyng wele and trewly to be doon be the othe that they have made or ellys the same wardeyns to pay the same summe and that every housholder enfraunchisyd of the seid Crafte paye every quarter ij d. and that yt be payed at the iiij quarter dayes afore rehercid in peyne of doubling unto the seyd lyght.

Also that all the brethern of the seid Fraternite be clothid in oon sute at suche tymes as the wardeyns for the tyme beying shall ordeñ and appoynte that ys to wyte every secunde thirde or fourthe yere. And that no persone be admitted to have the same clothyng withoute thassent of the same wardeyns and of the said xij persones or the more partie of them. And for the worship of the seid Crafte every man of the seid Fraternite shall kepe ys clothyng clenly and honestly iiij yeres whether it be goune or hode. And[1] that receiveth goun or hode to kepe them honestly the tyme above rehercid withoute ony gyfte of them to hys apprentyse or ony other persone in peyne of forfeture to the Crafte the valow of the same clothyng. And that no man of the seid Crafte or Mistere doo make or countyrfete in any wise neither goun nor hode[2] lyke unto the clothyng of the seid Crafte withoute licence of the wardeyns for the tyme

[1] *He*, omitted.

[2] *Hoke*, in the MS.

being in peyne of paying unto the seyd lyght suche a fyne as wardeyns shall deme and appoynte. And that every man that hath receivyd any clothyng of hys wardeyns of the seyd Craft that ys for to sey either goun or hode that he pay for byt by the feste of Mighelmasse aftyr that they have so received it in peyne of doublyng of the same somme.

Also that every man that hereaftyr shalbe received into the seid Fraternite be received by the avise and assent of the seyd wardeyns and of the seyd xij persones or the more partie of them and that no man be received into that Fraternite but yf he be knowyn a goode man and of goode name and fame and of goode condicions and that he be perfith and able werkman of the seid Crafte and therto admittid by the seyd wardeyns and be the seid xij persones or the more party of them and in none nothyr wyse upon peyne xl s.

Also if any of the seid Crafte that ys enfraunchesyd be lye or false despite or repreve ony othyr that ys in the seyd clothyng of the same Craft he schall pay unto the seid lyght xx d. And that no man of the seid Crafte schall take accion by the law upon anothyr wer the mater may be endid by trety or compromyse unto the tyme that he hath hasked the wardennys leve wyche that ben for the yere and that the same wardeyns shall trewly examyn bothe parties and that eche of hem schall chese a man or twoo men wythyn the seyd Crafte and thei for to sette them atte corde if they can. And yf so yt be they cannot than that it shalbe leffull to both partyes aforsaid for to goo to the commune lawe. And who so dothe the contrarie shall pay unto the seid lyght vj s. viij d.

Also that no man of the Crafte hire no man of the seid Crafte oute of hys house for malyce nor malygne nor be noon othyr sotyll meane nor be procuracion to any othyr straunger of the seid Citee so to be doon and if it may be founde so doo by ony of the seid Crafte he renne in peyne to pay to the seid lyght xl s.

Also if so be that ony of the foreseid Fraternite and of the clothyng wiche that hath be of good rule fal into poverte than he shall be the assent of the wardeyns and of the seid xij persones or the more partie of them be refresshyd with the almesse of the commune godes of the seid Fraternite aftyr discrecion of the seyd wardeyns and xij persones councelours or the more partie of them. And if any man of that clothyng die in poverte that than the wardeyns with the whole felawshyp of the clothyng do brynge him in erthe in theyre clothyng on the costes on the seid Crafte. And who so of them be warnyd thereto and cometh not he schal paie unto the seid light j li. of wex.

Also that there be a commune chest and box with iij keyys to ben in the keping of the wardeyns ordeyned and made for to kepe yn all that remaynyd in store yerely unto the seid Fraternite in golde, silvyr or othyr joyall or thyng saufley to be kepte unto the use of the same Fraternite. And the same cheste for to stonde in suche place as the wardeyns and the seid xij persones with the more partie of the seid Fraternite shall be apoyntyd and assygned and that there be in the same cheste a registre booke for to engroce thereyn the names of the brethern and sustren, theire othys theyre peynes and forfeturys the dettys accomptes of the wardeyns and all othyr thynges necessarie and in any wyse apperteynyng unto the seid Crafte or Mistere and Fraternite abovseid.

Also that no man of the seid Crafte take noon apprentice into the Crafte but if he be freborn and clene of body and of lymmes and that he be not disfigured in any maner wise and that be the next quarter day that the seid apprentise be bounde unto ys mayster and that than hys maister presente him to the wardeyns and they for to see his Indenture and do write the terme of his apprenticehode in theire

[1] A word seems to be omitted, probably *h*.

boke and there the maister to pay xx d. for the interyng thereof unto the helpe of owre Lady Lyght and of the pouere almes men and who so othyr wyse doth to renne in the peyne of payyng vj s. viij d. to the same lyght and that no man of the seid Crafte hereaftyr ocupie over the nombre of iiij apprentices doyng him service attonys butt hee that hath moo than iij apprentices before the tyme of thys ordinaunce made wiche so havyng we woll that he enjoye them and them kepe and ocupie tyll they be weryd into the nombre of iij apprentices and than he to take the iiij[the] if him liste and if any man enfraunchysed of the seid Crafte aftyr thys oure ordinaunce made and publisshid take moo than iiij apprentices atte cons in hys craft boundyn to hyme he shall paye to the seid light a fyne of xl s. and that every maister having apprentice whan hys apprentys hath servyd him hys yeres of hys apprenticehode withyn iij dayies aftyr that terme finisshed do warne ys wardeyns for the tyme beyng of suche apprentice and than the wardeyns shall sende for him and lette hem knowe the goode persones of the seid Crafte and t[h]ereto for to be sworne as othyr men enfraunchesed of the seid Crafte beith and what maister othyrwise doth shall thenne pay unto the said lyght vj s. viij d. and if the apprentice refuce that othe he schall not be admittyd to werke w[t] any man of the said Crafte upon peyne to be limittid by the wardeyns and the seid xij persones or the more partie of them upon hym that con[t]rarie receiveth hym.

Also that if any man of the seid Crafte or ys apprentice shere any clothe but yff it be truly wette he shall make unto the wardeyns unto the use and behove of the same Crafte a fyne arbitrarie bi the advise of the seyd wardeyns and of the seid xij persones or the more partie of them as oft as he so doeth.

Also if any man of the seid Crafte take any manner chaffer of eny Lumbard or straunger or of any othyr man of hys workyng in the ocupacion of hys crafte but oonely coyned money on lesse that hyt be to hys owne propre use for hymself hys wyfe and ys servantes withoute any ꝓthyr maner of colour he shall paye unto the seyd lyght and to the sustentacyon of the poore men of the said Fraternitie as ofte as he so doth x li. of sterlingꝗ.

Also that no man of the seid Crafte receive any foren man withouten licence of the wardeyns and the xij persones or the more partie of the xij upon peyne xl s. to be payde unto the seid lyght as ofte tymes as suche man of the Crafte shall be founde fawty thereyn and than the seid wardeyns with the seid xij persones or the more partie of them schall see the foreseid foren werke and conciencely sette ys salary betwixte hys maister and hym and there to be bounde iiij yeres in covenant aftyr the rule of the Crafte and to all othyr goode rules of the seid Crafte.

Also that every man of the seid Crafte take for the barbyng of a yerde of clothe ob. and if it it be twys barbyd j d. and for sheryng of scarlettys and all othyr engreyned clothe every yerde ijd. and for sheryng of fyne whites every yerde ijd. and all othyr maner clothes what so evyr they be yf they be barbid ob. for a yerde and for the shering ajd. every yerde and for the sheryng of fine redes murreyes and blues and Essex clothes and also Sowthfolke clothes every yerde j d. and for all othyr clothes course and Ludlowys every clothe xvj d. and for all maner clothes foldes and takkys in Jenewey maner ij d. and for foldes and takkys a dosen streytes in Jeneweye maner vj d. and for foldes and takkys of kerseyes for every carsey j d. and for foldes and takkys of xij streites in Venycien maner viij d. and for foldes and takkys of all westrons and bastardes every clothe iiij d. thus to be doon undyr thys forme to all maner straungerrys that ys to sey Lumbardys, Janueys, Venycians and all othyr whatso evyr they be upon peyne of xl s. to paye at every tyme that any of the seid Crafte be founden fawty and culpable thereyn.

Also we the seid bretherinn before named be assentid agreed and fully accordid that for the observyng as well of the seyd ordinaunces made as of all othyr ordinances hereaftyr to be made of us and every othyr that shall be received in to the seid Fraternitie in tyme to come att is admission and receivyng swere and make hys othe here folwyng be fore the seid wardeyns for the tyme being undir forme I N. shall be

faithful and trewe unto oure Souveraigne Lord Herry Kyng of I(n)glonde and to hys heyers and successours Kynges of Inglond I schall not do nor consent unto ony tresons or felonyes nor any offenses agayn hys pees but that suche of them as I know I shall truly do beknow unto the Maire of London or unto other having his powre or more I schall also be obedient unto the wardeyns of the Crafte of Shermen of the same Citee for the tyme beyng in all thinges concernyng and tochyng the same Crafte and Brothyrhede and come dwely unto their sommaunce but if I be lawfully lettyd under the peyne of a pounde wexe and to be contributorie to all maner costes and charges doon by them upon and abowte the same Crafte and Brethirhede and al the ordinaunces now made and hereaftyr to be made for the commune well of all persones of the seid Crafte and Fraternitie I schall well and trewly do my powre, obeye, observe, and kepe and noon of them to discovre nor of them speke but onely to men of the same Crafte in like wyse sworñ. So God me help and the Holy Evangelies,

Also we beñ acordid and ordeyne that if any man of the seid Fraternite sworne in the forme above seid breke his othe wilfully or any part thereof he shall renne in to a peyne arbitrarie unto the seid wardeyns and xij persones chosen in the forme aboveseid and that whan any of the seid Fraternite and Crafte shall make hys seid othe in the fourme aboveseid that there be there thanne present atte the costes of the seid Crafte a notarie for to witnesse the makyng of the same othe to th'entente that if he breke his othe he shall mowe be punysshyd by the lawe of our moder holy chyrche.

Also if there be any discord or stryff be twixte eny man enfraunchised of the seid Crafte and his servaunt the parties shall notifie it unto the wardeyns of the same Crafte and thei shall here the mater and grevaunce oone both sides and put the mater undir rule Any suche man or servaunt woll not obeie their rule in that partie the seid wardeyns schall thanne do warne everyman of the seid Crafte that noon of them sette not the seyd servaunt a werke unto the tyme that he have agreed with ys seid maister and obeied hym unto the seid wardeyns and unto the rules of the seid Crafte and who soever othyr wyse doth the contrarie shall paie unto the seid lyght vj s. viij d. and if the maister be founde in the fawte that he be punysshed aftyr the discrecion of the wardeyns and xij councelours or the more partie of them.

Also if any man enfraunchised of the seid Crafte have iij jorney men in hys hous and a nodyr man enfraunchised have noon and have nede to have oone[1] that than the wardeyns shall goo to hym that hath the seid jorneymen and schall take oone of them suche as the goodman of the hous may beste forbere and delyver hym to hym that hath noon and hath nede to have as it is aboveseid.

Also we ordeyne and fully beñ agreed that in caas that ony persone of the seid Crafte be rebell and dissobeisaunt ageyns the rules conteyned in the articles aboveseid or ageyns eny of the poyntes conteyned in the same articles and woll not in any wyse obeie unto the wardeyns aboveseid that than the same wardeyns with the good avisement of the seid xij persones or the more of them shall sette upon hym that so ys rebell and dissobeisaunt double as grette a fyne as he whas sette att be fore to be payde the oon moyte thereof unto the olde werkes of the Cathedrall Chyrche of Powlys and the other moyte unto the Chaumbre of London and of that fyne the seid wardeyns to make certification aswell unto the officers of the Bisshope of London as unto the Chaumbyrleyn of London for the tyme beyng withyn the nexte quarter day upon peyne of xl s. to be payd unto the seid lyght of Oure Lady to that entent that they shal be the law spirituall and temporalle compelle the seid persone so beyng rebell and dissobeisaunt for to paie and satisfie unto the seid fyne.

Also for all othyr ordinaunces to be made in this behalve for the rule, governaunce and owirsight of the seid Fraternite, Crafte or Mistere for shortness of tyme and lak of leyser, We the foreseid William Bette, John Hungirford, John Baker, John Whitefield, William Butte, William Spaldyng, Robert Topclyf,

[1] This word is marked for deletion in the MS.

John Gadde, Richard Herberd, William Baldewyn, John Trewynnard, Henri Philipp', Richard Herford, John Hopkyn, John Stanlake, John Biford, Thomas Mersshe, William Kee, Thomas Gronde, John Fissher, Richard Partriche, John Devike, John Philipp, John Notyngham, John Harry, Thomas Overey, Laurence Picot, Richard Daunce, David Kyrie, Willyam Hariot, Henri Kyng, Robert Angevyn, Robert Nortland, William Tomlynson, John Davy, John Daunson, John Plunket, William Dixon, John Laudesdale, Thomas Drapier, John Bronde, Thomas Hoddesdon, John Hopton, John Broun, John Blacborn, William Basele, Thomas Fraunceys, John Scottis, William Colman, Thomas Flete, Hugh Hilcot, Stewyn Martyn, John Essex, Henri Warer, William Benett, Robert Leuyse, John Traves, Richard Clerke, Thomas Bedford, and John Bolton citezennys and fremen of the seid Crafte and brethren of the Fraternite aboverehercid yeve and graunte our powre and autorite unto the wardeyns of the seid Fraternite and Crafte that now be or here aftyr shall be unto the said xij persones of the same and to their successours with thassent of the more worthi part of the seid brethren for to add amenuse chaunge and undo all maner of ordinaunces made and here aftyr to be made in this party so that the same makyng amenusyng addyng and undoyng be not ageyns the comon lawe nor any hurt or prejudice unto the common ryght and wele of the seid Crafte in any wyse.

In quorum omnium et singulorum fidem et testimonium præsentes litteras nostras sive præsens publicum instrumentum exinde fieri et per præfatum magistrum Thomam Mawiet publicari et subscribi ejusque signum apposissione ac nostræ officialitatis sigilli appensione mandavimus et fecimus fideliter communiri. Data et acta sunt hæc prout suprascribuntur et recitantur anno Domini secundum cursum et computationem Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ Millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo secundo indictione prima Pontificatus Sanctissimi in Christo Patris et Domini nostri Domini Nicholai Divina Providencia Papæ quinti anno sexto mensis vero Februarii die penultimo in dicta aula de qua supra fit mentio et anno regni Regis Henrici Sexti tricesimo primo.

Et ego Thomas Maywell clericus Bathoniensis et Wellensis Diocesis Publicus auctoritate apostolica notarius venerabilis viri Magistri Johannis Druell utriusque juris Doctoris Officialis Consistorii Episcopalis Londonii scriba assumptus et per ipsum dominum Doctorem et officialem in hac parte deputatus suprascriptorum appunctuamentorum sive ordinationum hujusmodi exhibutioni ac discretorum virorum Willielmi Bette Johannis Hungirford et Johannis Baker gardianorum et aliorum omnium et singulorum Fratrum et liberorum hominum dictæ Artis et Fraternitatis tunc ibidem existentium ut præmittitur juramenti præstatione cæterisque omnibus et singulis dimisit ut præfertur sub annis Domini et Regis Indictione Pontificatu mense die et loco de quibus supra fit mentio coram præfato Magistro Johanni Druell officiali et per ipsum agebantur et fiebant personaliter interfui ac ea omnia et singula sic fieri vidi (et) audivi ideo præsentes litteras sive hoc publicum instrumentum de mandato ipsius Domini officialis fieri et per alium scribi feci publicavi et in hanc publicam formam redegi hicque me manu propria subscripsi ac signo et nomine meis solitis et consuetis una cum appensione sigilli officii dicti Magistri Johannis Druell officialis ut prædicitur signavi rogatus et requisitus in fidem et testimonium omnium et singulorum præmissorum. Et constat mihi notario antedicto de rasura dictionum theme sexto primo superius in præsente instrumento publico facta. T. M. * * * * Deo gracias * Et ego Thoma

[Extracted from the Registry of the Commissary Court of London. E. Libro "Sharpe," fol. 101 b.]

B.

EXTRACTS FROM THE

LIBER CUSTUMARUM.[1]

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[2]Ordinationes Telariorum.

F. 70. a.

I. Fait a remembrer qe le Judy preschein de la Sent Hillarie, lan du regne le Roi Edward vint et utime, Johan de Canefeld et Wauter Payn, Baillifs de la Gilde de telers de Loundres, et tote la communalte de meme la Gilde, furent somouns devaunt Elys Russel, adonqe Meire de meime la cite, a respoundre a Fouke de Seint Edmund et a Henri le Jeofne, et as autres bone gentz du mester des burillers, sur certeins articles, et poynz, et establisementz, en tens dount nule memorie ne court, et en tens nageres passe, par le Meire de Loundres qe adonqe fust, et par les Audermans de meme la citee, et par bone gentz de amedeus mesters de burillers et de telers esluz et assentuz, faites, sicom par remembraunces en la tresorie de la Chambre de la Guihale plenerement est contenu; les queux articles et ordynaunces les avauntditz Wauter et Johan, et les autres de la Gilde avauntdite, les ount enfreynt, et autres noveles ordynaunces, de lour autorite demeyne, en prejudice de tute la comunalte de Loundres et du mester de burillers, nent droiturels, [3]et ount fait et tenuz, en damage et en prejudice de eux et de lour mester de burillers.

Ordinances of the Weavers, *temp.* Edward I.

Recent substitution of illegal Ordinances for the former ones.

Sur queux pointz et ordynaunces, les avauntditz Wauter et Johan, et les autres de la Gilde avauntdite, furent arenez par le Meire avauntdit; et les avauntditz Wauter et Johan, et les autres de la Gilde avauntdite, bien graunteront qe eux en aucuns poyntz hors de lour droiturels usages et custumes unt mespris; dount il prierent grace. Et prierent derichef qe par le Meire, et par les bones gentz qe ount la ville a garder, et par certaines gentz de amedeus les mesters, et loiaux, dune part et dautre, certains articles, establicementz, et ordinances pur touz jours a tenir [4]se ount fait; issi qe si nul viegne en acountre, et de ceo soit atteynt, quil soit puni solom lordynaunce du Meire de Loundres, qe pur le temps serra, et les Audermans de la dite cite. As queus ordynaunces et articles faire et ordyner, par assent du Meire et des Aldermans, et par assent de amedeus les mesters, sunt esluz, ceo est a savoir:—

Persons chosen by the burellers and weavers, to frame new Ordinances.

II. William de Leyre
Wauter de Finchingfelde
Thomas Romayn
Richard de Gloucestre
} Audermans.

Fouke de Seint Edmund
Henri le Jefuene
Johan de Hatfeld
William de Mordone
Thomas de Waledene
William Morice
} Burillers.

William de Gillingham
Johan de Canefeld
Roberd Morice
Simon de Pourtepol
Vincent de Suttone
Henricus de Bixle
[5]Silvestre de Mortone
} Telers.

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[1] "Munimenta Gildhallæ Londoniensis." Edited by H. T. Riley, M.A. (Chronicles and Memorials—Rolls Series.)

[2] There is another copy of these Ordinances, in *Letter-Book* C., f. 42.

[3] Written *en* in *Letter-Book* C.

[4] Written *ceo* in *Letter-Book* C.

[5] After the names, in *Letter-Book* C., occur the words '*les quels genz avantdites ont ordine ke telers de Londres.*'

Weekly Courts and a yearly Guild to be held. The Mayor or four deputies, to hold the Court. F. 70. b.

III. Usent et teignent les ordinaunces souzdites pur touz jours, ceo est asavoir—qe eux deyvent avoir lour Court chescun Judy, sil ount a fere ou a pleder; et le Meire la doit tenir, si luy plest. Et si le Meire ne ysoit, il deit assigner quatre prodeshommes du mester jurez, qe meuz sachent les pointz du mester, a tenir la Court; les queux quatre soient chescun an remuables a la volunte de la communalte du mester, et deyvent estre chescun an presentez au Meyre, et deyvent aver une Gilde par an, en le Mouster Seint Nicholas Hacoun, le jour Seint Edmond; a quele Gilde deyvent venir touz ceus du mester; et qui ne vient, soit amercie a iii deners a cele Gilde: et serront il les xx mar quil deyvent par an au Roi.

Attendance at the Courts not to be obligatory.

IIII. Item, nul deit estre destreint de venir a lour Court, sil nenplede ou soit enplede.

A clerk and a serjeant to be appointed.

V. Item, il averont un clerke, pur demi mar par an, a ayder a tenir lour Court; et un serjaunt, pur demi mar par an, a faire lour somons; le quel mar doit estre leve de les issues de la Court.

Pleas in reference to the trade to be withdrawn from the Sheriffs' Court.

VI. Et il averont et trerront hors de la Court le Viscount les gentz de lour mester enpledez de chose que touche lour mester; et serront demaundez par un des quatre jures.

Procedure in pleas as to yarn delivered to weavers

VII. [1]Et plai meut de filee baille au teler, le demaundaunt soit a sa proeve par ii loiaux; et si noun, le defendaunt soit a sa lei, sei setisme mayn.

Procedure in pleas by foreigners in the Court.

In pleas removed from the Sheriffs' Court.

VIII. Et si un foreyn plede en lour Court, il pledera de jour en jour, ci la qe son plai soit determine, et celui quil enplede de lour mester ne gettera qe un essoyne. Et si un home de lour mester soit tret hors de la Court le Vicount, et soit de la citee, il pledera de semaine en semayne, par Jeody, ci la qe son plai soit fini. Et nul de eux gettera qe un essoyne; et celui qe gagera la lei, la deit faire par sa tierce mayn.

Procedure where cloth is found made of thrums.

IX. Et sil trovent un drap fait de tromes, sil soit fait a vente, pur cel forfait avera le Meire demy mar.

Where "blachet" cloth is found.

X. Et sil trovent un drap blachet, sil soit fait a vente, pur celui forfait avera le Meire demi mar.

Where cloth is dyed with madder upon woad.

XI. Et sil trovent un drap, sil soit fait a vente, filee et mis warenge sur weide, en avera le Meire demi mar.

Procedure on removal of pleas from the Sheriffs' Court.

XII. Et si aucun qe ne soit pas de lour mester les emplede en la Court le Vicount, les avauntditz quatre prodeshomes de lour mester, ou deus pur eux touz, vendront a chef le Vicount, et prendra cel plai hors de cele Court, jesqes en lour Court; [2]issi qe meme celui pleintif chet en la merci encountre celui de lour mester, ycel amerciment avera le Viescounte, en la quele Court le plai estoit. Et si celui de lour mester chet envers lautre gentz de lour mester, averont cel amerciment, pur meintenir lour mester en bons [3]huys.

Regulations as to apprenticeship.

XIII. Et qe nul teler aprentiz ne receyve a meyns qe a terme de vii aunz, et pur taunt de summe qe lour purra covenir parentre le seignour et laprentiz; e qe lour covenaunt soit reconu en Court.

Regulations as to strangers keeping house, and following the trade.

XIV. Et qe nul estraunge entre eux ne soit receu en lour office a hostel tenir, sil ne soit teler et sache textre; et sil viegne de estraunge pais, quil porte lettre de ses baillifs de bone conversacioun, qe bien et loiaument se ad porte en son pais, et qe pur nule maveiste nest departi; issint qe les prodeshommes de Loundres, ne les gentz de lour mester avauntditz, ne soient

[1] In *Letter-Book* C. written *et si*.
[2] Written *e si meimes seli pleintif* in Letter Book C.
[3] Written *us* in *Letter-Book* C.

chalengez, ne en nule manere grevez, par yceux; et qe touz lez nouns de ceux qe hostel ount et tenent, soient en un roule.

XV. Et si buriller mesprenge dever teler, ou teler dever buriller, la ou il soleient cesser de overir ci la qe la trespas fust amende, purveu est, qe nule overayne ne soit destourbe par taunt, mes qe chescun [qi] purchace son dreit a qi le trespas soit fait, recoevre son droit solom la ley de la cite.

F. 71. a.

Procedure in case of offences committed by weavers against burellers, or by burellers against weavers.

XVI. Et qe nul estraunge, ceo est a dire, foreyn, ne se entremette du mester de telers, sil ne soit teler et de lour Gilde; sur peine de x livres al oeps nostre Seignour le Roi, solom ceo qe lour Chartre roiale le purporte. Et la ou defendu fust en lour mester qe un drap de xl aunes ne fust tissu en meyns de quatre jours, purveu est qe chescun le face en auxi poi de temps com il purra, mesqe bien et loialment soit overe. Et la ou defendu fust en le mester qe nul teler ne overast entre la Tiphayne et la Chaundelure, purveu est qe chescun en cel tens hardement le face, auxibien come en autre temps del an, saunz chalenge et saunz destourbaunce; mes qe bien et loialment oevre, et qe il ne oevre pas de nuyt. Purveu est, qi si un teler moerge, qe eyt ii hostels, et lun demoerge a sa femme apres sa mort, bien le puet sa femme tenir jesques ele se marie a autre homme qe du mester. Et quaunt ele avera tel baron pris, qe ne soit pas de la Gilde avauntdite, ele se deit deliverer de son hostel, et deliveres a tel homme qe soit de la Gilde avauntdite. Et la ou defendu fust en le mester qe nul teler ne lessast son hostel a louwer hors de sa mesoun, purveu est quil le facent en la cite, et a touz qe sount de lour Gilde.

No foreigner to intermeddle with the trade of the weavers.

Cloth to be woven well, and with all possible expedition.

Former restrictions on the time for working removed.

But no work to be done at night.

The widow of a weaver, on remarriage, to a man not a weaver, to get rid of her late husband's house to one of the trade.

Weavers to let their looms on certain conditions.

XVII. Et purveu est, qe nul teler ne oevre andley, porreye, ne marbruy de flur de vesz, ne vert en veyr, fors un fil et un; et ceo soit en vi launces, issi qe les draps de totes partz soient bons et loiaux; mes menuet, virli, lumbard, et cele manere de dras soient tisseus en andley; et purveu est qe nul telere ne overe reie en andley, ne en nul drap.

Regulations as to the making of various cloths.

XVIII. Et qe nul drap ne soit fait [1]de flockes blecche, ne de tromes: et qe nul ne face drap medle de filetz dEngleterre et dEspayne, mes lun enterement par sei, et lautre enterement par sei. Et qe nul drap soit trove qe le chaump soit warenge desur weide. Et qe nul noir fil ne soit mis en drap en lu de hawen ou de plum menuet.

No cloth to be made of flocks or thrums; Or of English and Spanish yarn mixed.

No ground to be of madder upon woad.

XIX. Et qe nule leyne dEngleterre ne soit teynte en blecche, fors taunsoulement leyne dEspayne; et qe drap de leyne dEspayne soit fait soulement par soy, saunz medlure, et doit peiser au meyns xi livres quaunt il vendra du teler.

Spanish wool only to be dyed in "blecche," and the cloth to be only of a certain weight.

XX. Et qe stame ne soit en lu de trame, en nul drap dEspayne ne dEngleterre.

Woof threads not to be used for the warp.

XXI. Et qe chescun drap menuet et andley soient del poys de ix livres au meyns, quaunt il vendra du teler. Et qe chescun bon drap bisset soit del poys de ix livres et demi.

Regulated weight of certain cloths.

XXII. Et touz estraunge reies, et hawes, et porreies, de vi launces, soyent del poys de x livres au meyns.

XXIII. Et qe chescun drap soit de la leour de vi quarters de une aune dedens la liste.

Regulated breadth of cloths.

XXIIII. Et qe surveours soient de touz les draps, quil soient bons et loiaux, quaunt il vendront des meyns de telers. Et purveu est, qe nule taxacioun ne soit faite pur nul drap overir, fors solom ceo qe convenir purra entre celui qe le drap fait fere et le teler; mes qe loiaument soit

Surveyors to be appointed.

F. 71. b.

Weavers may return to the houses which they have quitted on making certain payments.

[1] Written '*blecche de flockes*' in *Letter-Book* C.

fait. Et purveu est, qe si un hostel seit abatu par poverte de celui a qui il esteit, qe teux povres puissent tournir a lour hostel, payaunt ceo qil deyvent de dreit.

Weavers to hold their own Court, but not to amerce persons not of the trade.

Et purveu est et graunte, qe les telers eyent lour Court, sicom avoir deyent; mes qe nul homme amercient, forsqe de lour mester demeyne.

F. 72. a.

De Ordinatione Fullonum Londoniarum.

Royal Writ, *temp.* Edward I., ordering enquiry to be made as to the practice of fulling at mills without the City.

Dominus Rex mandavit Custodi et Vicecomitibus Londoniarum breve suum, in hæc verba :—

" Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ, Dominus Hiberniæ, et Dux Aquitanniæ, Custodi et " Vicecomitibus Londoniarum, salutem. Cum ex gravi querela Willelmi Bernard et Adæ " Absolon, civium Londoniarum, de officio fullonum et tinctorum, accepimus quod, secundum " consuetudinem semper hactenus usitatam et approbatam in civitate nostra Londoniarum prædicta, " panni qui per homines de officio prædicto in civitate prædicta traditi fuerunt vel missi ad " fullonandum, sub pedibus hominum ejusdem officii, vel servientium suorum, in domibus suis in " civitate prædicta, et non alibi, debent fullonari, Johannes de Oxonia, Henricus atte Watergate, " et Elyas Sherman, officio hujusmodi in civitate eadem jam de novo utentes, pannos sibi missos " ad fullonandum infra civitatem prædictam, usque molendinum de Stratforde, et alibi, extra " eandem civitatem transmittunt, et eos ibidem fullonari faciunt, in fraudem et grave damnum " hominum quorum panni illi fuerint, et etiam omnium hominum prædicto officio in civitate " prædicta utentium, damnum et depressionem officii prædicti, et contra consuetudinem " prædictam.—Vobis igitur præcipimus, sicut pluries præcepimus, quod, vocatis coram vobis " partibus antedictis, et aliis de officio memorato, quos negotium illud tangit et qui fuerint " vocandi, plenam et celerem justitiam in hac parte fieri faciatis, prout de jure et secundum " consuetudinem civitatis nostræ prædictæ fuerit faciendum; vel causam nobis significetis, quare " mandatum nostrum, totiens vobis inde directum, exequi noluistis vel non potuistis. Teste " Edwardo, filio nostro, apud Westmonasterium, xxiii° die Januarii, anno regni nostri " vicesimo-sexto."

Second Writ, to a like effect.

Item, aliud breve missum eisdem Custodi et Vicecomitibus, pro eisdem Willelmo et Ada, in eisdem verbis.

Enquiry thereon.

Per quod quidem mandatum, Johannes de Oxonia, Henricus atte Watergate, et Elias Sherman, attachiati fuerunt ad repondendum Adæ Absolon et Willelmo Bernard, super eo quod idem Johannes, Henricus, et Elyas pannos sibi traditos, vel missos, ad fullonandum sub pedibus hominum, transmiserunt usque ad molendinum de Stratforde, et alibi, extra eandem civitatem, in fraudem et grave damnum hominum quorum panni illi sunt, et etiam omnium hominum de officio fullonum et tinctorum. Idem Johannes, Henricus, et Elyas hoc non potuerant dedicere, sed in omnibus cognoverunt se deliquisse, prout impositum fuit eis. Ideo, etc.

Result of the enquiry.

Meeting of certain trades to make provisions for regulating the trade of fullers.

Dicti Custos et Vicecomites venire fecerunt tinctores, cissores, burellatores, textores, et fullones, ad ordinandum et providendum dictum officium fullonum, [1] qualiter in posterum se debent habere et gerere, ad emendationem dicti officii fullonum—

Walterus Payn Willelmus de Gillingham	Textores.
Fulco de Sancto Edmundo Robertus de Frestone	Burellarii.
Willelmus Bernard Ricardus de Rikinhale	Tinctores.
Willelmus de Woubourne Johannes de Staundone	Cissores.

[1] This word is repeated by inadvertence.

De Pannis fullandis extra Civitatem.

F. 72. b.

Pur ceo qe plusours defautes ount este trovez en draps qe privez et estraunges ount baille as fullours, et as teynturers, et as tesserauntz en Loundres, pur fuller, pur ceo qe ceus draps ount este par ceux fullours, teynturers, et tesserauntz, baillez hors, pur fuller as molins,—purveu est, pur le commun profit de la cite, qe nul fullour, teyturer, ou tesseraunt, desore en avaunt porte, mene, ne baille, ne face porter, mener, ne bailler, hors de la cite nul drap pur foller as molins, fors ceux memes a qui les draps serront, et les queus draps il voillent pur lour avower.

No fuller, dyer, or weaver, to send cloth entrusted to him, to be fulled without the City.

Derichief, qe les vi prodeshommes enquergent et asserchent as Portz de la cite, et par ewe et par terre, les draps [1]les dras qe serront portes hors pur foler as molins, et ceux dras arestent, saunz autre baillif, et detiegnent desqes ataunt qe ceux a qui les dras serrount, viegnent et avouwent les draps pur lour, et qe par lour volunte sunt amenez au molin pur fuller. Et si aucuyn soit atteynt quil eyt amene draps de autri au molin pur fuller, hors de la cite, saunz la volunte de ceus a qui les dras sount, a la premere foiz payera xx soulz a Chambre de la Guihalle de Loundres, et al autre foiz soulz a meme la Chambre; et si a la tierce fois de ceo seit atteynt, il forsjurra le mester et paiera, nent meyns, les xx soulz.

Cloths so sent to be stopped at the City Gate.

Punishment for infringement of this rule.

Derichef, qe nul teynturer qe teynt burnetz blus, et autre manere de colours, ne teygne blecche ne taune; et celui qe serra atteynt, paiera al avauntdite Chaumbre demy mar. Derichef, qe nul du mester receyve autri louwer, ou aprentiz, en son mester, saunz la volunte de son mestre. Derichef, si aucun vallet du mester emprompte argent ou darees de son mestre ou de aucun mestre, et le eyt en covenant pur servir pur meme cel argent, taunt quil soit quites envers lui, nul autre mestre ne vallet le receyve ne tiegne en oevre, jesqe ataunt quil avera fait gre de ceo quil avera emprompte, sur la peyne avauntdite.

Regulation for dyers of burnets in blue, and other colours.

No master to entice away the journeyman or apprentice of another.

No one of the trade to employ a servant in debt to another.

Lex Telariorum et Fullonum.[2]

[3]Ceo est a savoir, qe nul telier ne nul fuloun ne puet drap secchir ne teindre, ne a nule marchaundise hors de la vile aler; ne il ne poent a nul forein lour draps vendre, fors as marchauns de la cite. Et sil aveneit qe nul des teliers ou des fulouns, pur sa richesce, vousist hors de la cite aler pur marchaundise faire, bien list as prudeshommes de la cite, prendre tut cel chatel e remener en la cite, e faire de cel chatel com de chatel forfait, par agard des Vicountes e des prudeshommes de la cite. E si nul telier ou fuloun vendist a nul ferein son drap, le forein pert le chatel, e lautre remaint en la merci de la cite de quaunt qe il ad. Ne le telier nel fuloun ne puet achater neis ceo qe appent a son mestier, qil ne face le gree au Vicounte chescun an. Ne nul franke homme ne puet estre atteint par telier ne par fuloun; ne il ne poent tesmoign porter. Et si nul de eux enricheist si qil voille son mestier guerpir, forsjure, et touz ustilz ostera de son ostiel. Et si face taunt vers la cite, quil soit en la fraunchise: e de la custume de Loundres, si come il dient.

Regulations for the trade of weavers and fullers.

F. 73. a.

Lex eorundem.[4]

Ceo est asavoir, qe nuls ne puet [5]tesmoign porter sur nul fraunke homme. E si il achate sa viaunde al amountance de treis deners, ou de plus, si en durra sa custume au Viscounte pur taunt com il achatera, ou pur plus. Ne nul ne puet tistre, ne overer, fors as prudeshommes de la vile, ne avoir rien du soen qe aprendre de dras faire, vaillaunt un dener; fors ataunt come amounte cink aunes de drap a soi vestir par an. E si nul de eux enricheist taunt qe il covette la fraunchise

Further provisions relative to fullers and weavers.

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[1] These two words appear to be superfluous.
[2] The word '*Wyntoniæ*' has been purposely erased here.
[3] See *Liber Albus*, p. 119.
[4] The words '*apud Marleberge*' have been erased here.
[5] Written *tesmomoign*.

de la vile, un an la avera pur veer coment il voudra prouer saunz soun mestier. Et le secund an, profera tut entierement lan de son gre. Et le tierz an, forjurra son mestier pur entrer en la fraunchise, sil fait le purquei, e les prudeshommes le voillent. E einz qil facent nule marchaundise, deivent oster hors touz lour ustilemenz de lour mesouns.

Lex eorundem apud Oxoniam.

Ordinances of the fullers and weavers at Oxford.

Ceo est a savoir, qil ne poent nul drap tistre ne fuler qe lour seit, saunz le gre as prudeshommes de la vile; e sil le fount, e soient atteintz, si seit le drap pris come chose forfait. E quaunt telier moert, sa femme ne puet estre espusee si a telier noun, pur quei ele voille sure cel mestier. Nul fraunke homme ne puet estre atteint par telier, ne par fuloun; ne il ne poent nul tesmoign porter.

Leges eorundem apud Beverlacum.

Ordinances of the fullers and weavers at Beverley.

Ceo est a savoir, qil ne poent nul drap secchir, ne a nule marchaundise fere hors de la vile aler, ne nul fraunk homme ne puet estre atteint par eux, ne nul tesmoigne ne poent porter. Et si il veut son mestier forjurer, face vers lui qest Meir appele, et vers les baillifs de la vile, qil soit en la fraunchise de la vile resceu; e ouste les ustilz de sa mesoun. E ceste lei ount il en la fraunchise de Loundres, si come il dient.

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